

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
COLLEGE OF LAW
Cincinnati, Ohio 45221-0040

Special Student Application

The College of Law occasionally permits a non-matriculating student to enroll in a law school course. Such a student must first complete the attached Special Student Application. The application is reviewed by the Associate Dean and the Professor teaching the course in which the special student wishes to enroll.

The following information may be helpful to you in determining whether you would be a candidate for special student status.

1. If you are a graduate student pursuing an advanced degree in another college at the University of Cincinnati, you may be a good candidate for special student status. Please submit with this application a letter from your graduate faculty advisor stating: (1) that you have permission to enroll in the specific law school course you wish to take, and (2) that credit earned at the law school will count toward the requirements for the graduate degree you are pursuing.

*Graduate students should note that law school courses are graded on an A+ to F grading scale and that law school classes meet on a semester basis.

2. If you are established in a profession and find yourself interacting frequently with lawyers and dealing with legal matters, you may be a good candidate for special student status.
3. Special students may enroll only in upper-level courses. The first year courses (Introduction to the Law, Advocacy, Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law, Legal Research & Writing, Property, and Torts) are designed for students embarking upon the three year course of legal study.
4. Six is the maximum number of credit hours you may earn as a special student. Law school courses are two or three credit hour courses. Each course you wish to take must be applied for separately. Classes meet only during the day. The College has no evening program.
5. The cost of enrollment is the same whether you take the course for credit or as an auditing student. College of Law classes meet on a semester calendar.
6. If you do not have a bachelor's degree, you may not be accepted as a special student unless you have extensive equivalent professional experience in an area closely related to the subject you wish to study.

7. If you plan to apply to a law school in the future, you should not request permission to enroll as a special student. Law school course credit earned prior to admission to law school cannot be applied to satisfy the requirements for a law degree.
8. If you are trying to decide whether law is the right career for you, becoming a special student will not help. The admissions offices of this and other law schools can provide more appropriate information in this regard.
9. If you want to know something about law so you can be a better-informed citizen and consumer, becoming a special student is not appropriate. Classes at the law school are taught in much greater detail than would be useful for such purposes.

If you are permitted to take an upper-level course, you should be aware that law is a highly technical course of study; therefore, upper-level courses are both demanding and dependent on the special skills and knowledge acquired in the first year. As a result, any non-lawyer or non-law student can expect to find these courses difficult. Moreover, the instructor and fellow students can help only so much in filling the necessary background. The instructor, for example, can recommend background reading, but it is unfair to ask the instructor or students to spend large amounts of time in or after class explaining material or skills that law students are already familiar with. Nevertheless, if you have good reasons and an educational or professional background that will make understanding the class possible, the College and individual instructors will help you to make this a worthwhile experience.

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Name _____ Address _____ _____ Phone _____ Employer _____ Occupation _____	E-mail address _____ Social Security Number _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Emergency Contact & Phone _____ _____
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<i>Colleges Attended</i>	<i>Degree Earned</i>

Have you ever taken the LSAT? GRE? No Yes Score _____
If English is not your first language, TOEFL score _____

<i>Describe your academic background and the professional experiences which qualify you to study law</i>

<i>The law school course (name and number) you wish to take? For credit or audit?</i>

<i>State the reasons for your request</i>

SIGNATURE: _____
<i>Please attach an up-to-date resume and transcripts of all post-secondary course work to this application. Return to Associate Dean Barbara Watts, College of Law, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0040. For further information, you may call (513) 556-6805.</i>

Approved by:	Associate Dean	Date:
_____	Faculty Member	Date: