

Introduction

The Extended Option (EO) offers students the opportunity to complete a J.D. degree in more than the standard three-year format, with non-traditional students taking up to the maximum of seven years (84 months) to complete the J.D. degree. The students can choose a flexible program that allows them to be a part-time student or a full-time student, depending upon their other life obligations. This Option would allow students to work during law school so long as they are enrolled in less than twelve units. It would also allow students who have child care responsibilities to matriculate part-time during the day.

Admission and Transfer into the Extended Option

Students must be formally admitted into the Extended Option. The requirements for admission to the Extended Option are the same as the traditional three-year Juris Doctor Program requirements. Students applying for admission must declare on their applications their intention to participate in the Extended Option and which Extended Option schedule they plan to pursue. Students enrolled in the Extended Option must petition the Academic Dean if they wish to change the Extended Option schedule that they have selected to modify their projected date of graduation. Regular full-time students and Accelerated Option students must also petition the Academic Dean if they wish to transfer to an Extended Option schedule. Once the petition is granted, students may modify their semester unit load so that they will be able to meet their new projected date of graduation.

The First Year of Law School

Students in the Extended Option must take all of the first year required courses. For students who elect to do the extended program in 3.5 or 4 years the first year of law school will look very similar to the first year for full-time students. However, those students who elect to take longer options-- 4.5, 5, 5.5 etc. years--the first year courses will have to be spread over several years and students may have to take some electives before they have finished all of their first year courses. See below for examples of possible student schedules.

Upper Division Required and Elective Courses

The Extended Option students must follow the same rules as all students when it comes to taking upper division required courses, but students taking 4 or more years to complete their JD must also complete the bar preparation course as an additional graduation requirement. They simply are able to spread these courses over more years. All of the electives will be available to these students including practice and skills courses.

Graduation with the J.D. Degree

In order to graduate, Extended Option students must take the same required courses and complete all of the requirements for graduation, including the requirement of having completed 88 units of credit.

Bar Passage

Those students who participate in the Extended Option for a period longer than four years will be required to take the Pepperdine bar preparation course. The purpose of this requirement is so students can have the maximum opportunity to review courses that they may have taken several years earlier.

Grades and Class Standing

Extended Option students would be graded in the same manner as all other students. Class standing, which does present some unique problems, would be calculated at three points in the student's career: at the time they finish their first year course work, at the time they finish 60 units of credit, and at graduation. Each time they would be ranked with the students who are in the class that is nearest to them in total units. For example, if an Extended Option student finished all of the first year courses at the end of two years, the Extended Option student would be ranked with the students who finished their first year courses at the same time.

Participation in Journals, Moot Court, Trial Team and other Aspects of Student Life

Participation in the normal aspects of student life may be especially important for Extended Option students. Students taking longer than 3 years to complete the degree may feel disconnected from other students and law school life since they will not be part of a "cohort" as is currently experienced by students in 1L sections. Some of the students choosing the extended option will already be nontraditional students with family and/or work obligations that would otherwise prevent them from becoming a full participant. Any activity which is available to full-time students will be available to Extended Option students if the students have met the prerequisites for participation and can fit the units into their schedules. Extensive counseling will be available for Extended Option students to help them manage their unit loads.

Required Courses for the Juris Doctor

First Year	Units
Civil Procedure	4
Constitutional Law	4
Contracts	4
Criminal Law	3
Introduction to Ethical Lawyering	2
Legal Research and Writing I	2
Legal Research and Writing II	2
Property	4
Torts	4
Introduction to Professional Formation	1
	TOTAL 30
Upper Division	Units
Corporations	3
Criminal Procedure	3
Evidence	3-4
Federal Income Taxation	3-4
Remedies	3
Wills and Trusts	3-4
<u>Bar Exam Workshop (only for students taking more than 4 years to graduate and for transfer students)</u>	<u>2</u>
	TOTAL 18-23

There is a presumption that students who plan to practice law, or who, even if they do not plan to practice law, nevertheless plan to take a bar examination, should take all six of the upper division required courses. However, the vice dean, in her discretion, may grant a waiver so that a student may graduate without taking all six of the upper division required course. In deciding whether to grant a waiver, and in tailoring any such waiver, the vice dean may take into account any relevant facts or circumstances. In any event, any such waiver shall require that the student take at least four of the six upper division required courses. For those students who take more than 4 years to graduate in the Extended Option, there is an additional requirement to take the Pepperdine Bar Exam Workshop course.

EXTENDED OPTION

Students accepted in to the Extended Option may elect to complete a J.D. degree in more than the standard three-year format, with non-traditional students taking up to the maximum of seven years (84 months) to complete the J.D. degree.

Appendix A

Examples of Extended Option Schedules

Seven Year Option

FALL		SPRING			
Seven-Year Option					
Year 1: LRWI	2	LRWII	2		
Civ Pro	4	Ethics	2		
Year 2: Torts	4	Criminal Law	3		
Elective	2	Con Law		4	
Year 3: Contracts	4	Property	4		
Elective	2	Elective	2		
Year 4: Evidence	3-4	Corporations	3		
Elective	2-3	Elective	2-3		
Year 5: Criminal Proc.	3	Fed Tax	3		
Elective	2-3	Elective	2-3		
Year 6: Elective	2-3	Wills & Trusts	3-4		
Elective	2-3	Elective	2-3		
Elective	2-3				
Year 7: Elective	2-3	Remedies	3		
Elective	2-3	Bar Review	1		
Elective	2-3	Elective	2-3		
Total	40-48*	Total	37-42*	Required:	86-88

Six Year Option

Year 1: LRWI	2	LRWII	2		
Civ Pro	4	Ethics	2		
Year 2: Torts	4	Criminal Law	3		
Elective	2-3	Con Law		4	
Year 3: Contracts	4	Property	4		
Elective	2-3	Elective	2-3		
Year 4: Evidence	3-4	Corporations	3		
Elective	2-3	Elective	2-3		
Elective	2-3	Elective	2-3		
Year 5: Criminal Proc.	3	Fed Tax	3		
Elective	2-3	Elective	2-3		
Elective	2-3	Elective	2-3		
Year 6: Wills & Trusts	3-4	Remedies	3		
Elective	3	Elective	2-3		
Elective	2-3	Bar Review	1		
Total	39-46*	Total	36-42*		

Five-Year Option

Year 1: LRWI	2	LRWII	2
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	Civ Pro	4	Ethics	2	
	Torts	4	Criminal Law	3	
Year 2:	Contracts	4	Property	4	
	Crim Proc.	3	Con Law		4
Year 3:	Evidence	3-4	Corporations	3	
	Elective	2-3	Elective	2-3	
	Elective	2-3	Elective	2-3	
Year 4:	Fed Tax	3-4	Wills & Trusts	3-4	
	Elective	2-3	Elective	2-3	
	Elective	2-3	Elective	2-3	
Year 5:	Elective	2-3	Remedies	3	
	Elective	2-3	Elective	2-3	
	Elective	2-3	Bar Review	1	
	Elective	2-3			
	Total	39-49*	Total	34-40*	

Four-Year Option

Year 1:	LRWI	2	LRWII	2	
	Civ Pro	4	Ethics	2	
	Torts	4	Criminal Law	3	
Year 2:	Contracts	4	Property	4	
	Crim Proc.	3	Con Law		4
	Elective	2-3	Elective	2-3	
Year 3:	Evidence	3-4	Corporations	3	
	Elective	2-3	Elective	2-3	
	Elective	2-3	Elective	2-3	
	Elective	2-3	Elective	2-3	
Year 4:	Fed Tax	3-4	Remedies	3	
	Wills & Trusts	3-4	Bar Review	1	
	Elective	2-3	Elective	2-3	
	Elective	2-3	Elective	2-3	
	Elective	2-3	Elective	2-3	
	Total	40-50*	Total	35-42*	

*These totals represent a range that depends upon the unit value of the upper-division required and elective courses taken.

Please note that students may choose to take Winter Intensive or Summer School courses to lighten the fall and spring semester loads.