

# Fall 2012

## First-Year Registration & Tuition Information

*Includes:*

Academic Calendars for Fall 2012 & Spring 2013

### **ORIENTATION SCHEDULE:**

*Introduction to Law Week,  
August 13 to 17*

*New England Law website:  
[www.nesl.edu](http://www.nesl.edu)*

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# Welcome to New England Law | Boston!

## To All Students Entering *New England Law* in Fall 2012:

On behalf of the entire Registrar's Office, it is my pleasure to welcome you to *New England Law | Boston*. As you begin your legal studies here, please remember that the Registrar's Office is here to assist you. On the Registrar's webpage - <http://www.nesl.edu/students/registrar.cfm> - you will find course and exam information as well as request forms for transcripts, enrollment letters, change of address and special student requests. If you have questions or concerns, please contact our office by calling (617) 422-7215 or by sending an e-mail to [registrar@nesl.edu](mailto:registrar@nesl.edu).

**This packet contains the Fall 2012 registration materials for year-one enrollment. You are responsible for reading this information carefully and for completing all required forms by the assigned deadlines.**

Selected school policies from the *New England Law Student Handbook* are also included in this booklet. A copy of the complete *Student Handbook* is available on the Registrar's webpage - [http://www.nesl.edu/students/student\\_handbook.cfm](http://www.nesl.edu/students/student_handbook.cfm). All *New England Law* students are expected to be familiar with the school's rules and regulations, so please be sure to read through this document.

Again, welcome to *New England Law* and best wishes to you for a happy and successful first year.

Sincerely,

David Berti, Registrar  
Darnell Graham, Associate Registrar  
Gloria Vasquez, Assistant Registrar  
Lexi Oberacker, Assistant Registrar  
Katherine Kwolek, Administrative Assistant

### *New England Law/Boston Registrar's Office*

**Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Telephone: (617) 422-7215      E-mail: [registrar@nesl.edu](mailto:registrar@nesl.edu)**

### *Student Services Office*

**Jacqueline Pilgrim, Director of Student Services**

**Telephone: (617) 422-7401      E-mail: [jpilgrim@nesl.edu](mailto:jpilgrim@nesl.edu)**

# Important Notice to All Incoming Students:

## For All Students Entering in Fall 2012

All entering students must submit an official copy of their undergraduate transcript. **The transcript must note the completion of the undergraduate degree, the degree received and the date on which the degree was conferred.**

## For All Full-Time Students & All International Students on a Visa

All full-time students and all full and part-time international students on a visa attending *New England Law* must submit immunization records stating proof of immunity from: Tetanus/Diphtheria, Hepatitis B and Measles, Mumps & Rubella.

These records must be sent from your physician or health services office in order to be in compliance with the policies of *New England Law*. **Please make sure they are sent to the Admissions Office by August 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Failure to comply will prevent you from being registered for courses.**

**Please Note:** Students who are enrolled in a part-time program and who are Citizens of the United States do not need to submit immunization records.

### **PLEASE DO NOT IGNORE THIS NOTICE!**

**If you have not yet sent your official undergraduate transcript to the Admissions Office, please do by August 1. Also, you must update the Admissions Office if the expected degree or degree date provided on your Admissions application has changed for any reason.**

**Failure to submit an official, final undergraduate transcript will prevent you from being registered for courses.**

**QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE AT (617) 422-7210**

# Important Student Policies

## Student Mailings – U.S. Mail and E-mail:

Every student is responsible for ensuring that the Registrar's Office has your correct, current mailing address. **In addition, the administrative offices and the faculty will ONLY use NESL student webmail accounts to communicate essential information to students.** Incoming students will receive their email address and password at Orientation. Students needing assistance setting up their e-mail accounts may contact the Help Desk after Orientation at: (617) 422-7404 or (617) 422-7414. The school acts on the assumption that students are receiving and aware of any information sent by student webmail. **It is the student's responsibility to check NESL webmail with sufficient regularity to be aware of any deadlines, time sensitive or other significant information that may be sent. *New England Law* does not forward messages from student webmail to other email accounts nor does it have the software to provide a rule to send messages to other accounts.**

## Student Identification Cards

Student identification cards are required for each student enrolled at *New England Law*. The card contains the student's photograph, name and unique student I.D. number **on the front** of the I.D. card. This ID card will be used on all blind-graded quizzes and exams, and presented when using the facilities of the Law Library, and for services at the Registrar's Office and other administrative offices.

**Please note:** Your student I.D. number contains 5 digits (don't confuse this number with the longer number on the back of your plastic I.D. card!) and should be used for all blind-graded quizzes and exams, as well as any forms that you submit to the Registrar's Office. **Note: Your student I.D. number is also on the course schedule you will be sent in August.**

## “Opting Out” of Student Directory Information:

There are occasions when *New England Law | Boston* releases student directory information to outside organizations. The organizations are education, government, legal, or law school related entities. In addition, student directory information can be made available internally to other students via the “Student Webmail” e-mail system, and other avenues. Student directory information consists of name, address, e-mail, phone number, etc. Once each year, *New England Law | Boston* offers students the opportunity to “opt out” of being listed in the school directory. All *New England Law* students are sent a mailing early in the school year which allows them to request that the Law School not list their name and e-mail address in the “Student Webmail” address book, nor make any student directory information available unless required by law.

## Policy of Non-Discrimination:

It is the policy of *New England Law | Boston* to provide equality of opportunity in legal education for all persons, including faculty, other employees, applicants for admission, enrolled students, and graduates, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, handicap or disability, or sexual orientation. Please contact the Director of Student Services at 154 Stuart Street, Boston, MA 02116 (617-422-7401), with any inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policy.

## Reservation of the Right to Modify:

The Law School reserves the right to make any changes in the described course of study and any other material in the Course Registration Information posted online that it deems necessary or desirable.

## Notice About the Changes to Semester Schedule:

After the course schedule is published and throughout a given semester, it may be necessary for changes to be made. Room assignments and course meeting times may change; courses may be added to the schedule; other courses might be cancelled (due to low enrollment, for example). To keep students informed of **any and all changes**, the Registrar's Office publishes an Addenda during the semester as frequently as necessary and posts them on the *New England Law* website (Registrar's page) and also on the bulletin boards at Stuart Street and at Church Street. Students should be sure to look for the **Addenda** regularly.

# School Emergency Announcements

## Notice of School Closings or Delays:

Students are encouraged to call the school's main phone line (617-451-0010) or access *Student Announcements* ([www.nesl.edu/students/announcements/](http://www.nesl.edu/students/announcements/)), for the most reliable and specific information on closings or late openings. We will also post notices on Channels 4 and 7 television and radio. Students can also sign up for alerts to be sent to them by signing up for e2campus at <https://www.e2campus.net/my/nesl/>

## Separate Decisions for Day and Evening:

To make clear our separate decisions for day and evening divisions, we will include some information for both divisions in all messages on the phone line and on the website. Obviously, if we make a decision about both divisions early in the day, we will post both. If, however, as often happens, the decision about whether to hold evening division classes is made later in the day, earlier announcements will specify that "An announcement about evening division classes will be posted later in the day." It is frequently not possible to predict the entire day's weather many hours in advance, and we wait until we feel that we have reliable information to determine the best approach. The building and library often remain open even if classes are cancelled, and that information is included in the phone and web announcements.

## Time of Postings:

We will continue whenever possible to post closing or delay announcements by 6 a.m. for day classes and no later than 2 p.m. for evening classes. Unless the morning announcements specify that evening classes are cancelled (in which case that decision will not change), evening students who are leaving for work should be prepared to attend classes but should continue to check throughout the day. If the school opens late, classes that are scheduled at the delayed opening time and later will take place; all others will be rescheduled. (This may appear as "delayed" on television stations.)

## How Decision is Made:

Before making decisions about closing or delays, several administrators carefully examine weather forecasts and road conditions in all areas from which students and faculty commute. We also visually inspect the areas around the school. We will cancel or delay classes if travel in any of these areas seems unsafe. The information available to us, however, is general, and we can't determine street-by-street conditions.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We try not to cancel classes unless it seems necessary, in an effort to avoid having to schedule make-up classes on Saturday or during reading period. If classes are being held, but you do not feel safe traveling to school, you are encouraged to use your own judgment. Although the school does not excuse absences from class, the attendance policy permits students to miss up to 20 percent of their class meetings, which is intended to address situations, such as weather, that might arise for students in a given semester.

# Anti-Hazing Policy

## MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, Chapter 269, sections 17 through 19

### **Chapter 269: Section 17. Hazing; organizing or participating; hazing defined.**

**Section 17.** Whoever is a principal organizer or participant in the crime of hazing, as defined herein, shall be punished by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars or by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment. The term "hazing" as used in this section and in sections eighteen and nineteen, shall mean any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person. Such conduct shall include whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the weather, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug or other substance, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any such student or other person, or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to the contrary, consent shall not be available as a defense to any prosecution under this action.

### **Chapter 269: Section 18. Failure to report hazing.**

**Section 18.** Whoever knows that another person is the victim of hazing as defined in section seventeen and is at the scene of such crime shall, to the extent that such person can do so without danger or peril to himself or others, report such crime to an appropriate law enforcement official as soon as reasonably practicable. Whoever fails to report such crime shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.

### **Chapter 269: Section 19. Copy of secs. 17-19; issuance to students and student groups, teams and organizations; report.**

**Section 19.** Each institution of secondary education and each public and private institution of post-secondary education shall issue to every student group, student team or student organization which is part of such institution or is recognized by the institution or permitted by the institution to use its name or facilities or is known by the institution to exist as an unaffiliated student group, student team or student organization, a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen; provided, however, that an institution's compliance with this section's requirements that an institution issue copies of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations shall not constitute evidence of the institution's recognition or endorsement of said unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations. Each such group, team or organization shall distribute a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to each of its members, plebes, pledges or applicants for membership. It shall be the duty of each such group, team or organization, acting through its designated officer, to deliver annually, to the institution an attested acknowledgement stating that such group, team or organization has received a copy of this section and said sections seventeen and eighteen, that each of its members, plebes, pledges, or applicants has received a copy of sections seventeen and eighteen, and that such group, team or organization understands and agrees to comply with the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen.

Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post-secondary education shall, at least annually, before or at the start of enrollment, deliver to each person who enrolls as a full time student in such institution a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen. Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post-secondary education shall file, at least annually, a report with the board of higher education and in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education, certifying that such institution has complied with its responsibility to inform student groups, teams or organizations and to notify each full time student enrolled by it of the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen and also certifying that said institution has adopted a disciplinary policy with regard to the organizers and participants of hazing, and that such policy has been set forth with appropriate emphasis in the student handbook or similar means of communicating the institution's policies to its students. The board of higher education and, in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education shall promulgate regulations governing the content and frequency of such reports, and shall forthwith report to the attorney general any such institution which fails to make such report.

## Fall 2012 Academic Calendar

<i>First-Year Orientation Introduction to Law</i>	
<b>Day Division: Tuesday, August 14-Friday, August 17</b>	
<b>Evening Division: Monday, August 13, Wednesday, August 15 and Thursday, August 16</b>	
<b>Classes Resume for Returning Students</b>	<b>Monday, August 20</b>
<b>Labor Day Holiday/No Classes</b>	<b>Monday, September 3</b>
<b>Columbus Day Holiday/No Classes</b>	<b>Monday, October 8</b>
<b>Monday Class Schedule</b>	<b>Tuesday, October 9</b>
<i>Course Registration Dates for Spring 2013</i>	<b>Specific days &amp; times TBA</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Day Holiday/ No Classes</b>	<b>Wednesday, November 21 through Sunday, November 25</b>
<b>Last Day of Classes</b>	<b>Friday, November 30</b>
<b>READING PERIOD</b>  <i>(Monday, 12/3 may be used as a snow make-up day if needed)</i>	<b>Saturday, December 1 – Tuesday, December 4</b>
<b>EXAMINATION PERIOD</b>	<b>Wednesday, December 5 – Monday, December 17</b>
<b>POSSIBLE SNOW EXAM MAKE- UP DAY</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 18</b>

## Spring 2013 Academic Calendar

<b>Classes Resume for All Students</b>	<b>Monday, January 7, 2013</b>
<b>Exam Make Up Day <i>(if needed)</i></b>	<b>Saturday, January 12</b>
<b>Martin Luther King Day/No Classes</b>	<b>Monday, January 21</b>
<b>Presidents' Day Holiday/No Classes <i>(unless needed for snow make-up)</i></b>	<b>Monday, February 18</b>
<b>Monday Class Schedule</b>	<b>Tuesday, February 19</b>
<b>Winter Recess/No Classes</b>	<b>Monday, March 4 – Friday, March 8</b>
<b>Classes Resume</b>	<b>Monday, March 11</b>
<b>Deadline For Division Transfer Requests</b>	<b>March 15</b>
<b><i>Snow Make-up day, if needed</i></b>	<b>Saturday, March 23</b>
<b><i>Course Registration Dates for Fall 2013</i></b>	<b>Specific days/times TBA</b>
<b>Patriot's Day Holiday/No Classes <i>(May be used as snow make up day, if needed)</i></b>	<b>Monday, April 15</b>
<b>Monday Class schedule</b>	<b>Wednesday, April 17</b>
<b>Last Day of Classes</b>	<b>Wednesday, April 24</b>
<b>READING PERIOD</b>	<b>Thursday, April 25 – Sunday, April 28</b>
<b>EXAMINATION PERIOD</b>	<b>Monday, April 29 – Friday, May 10</b>
<b><i>Commencement</i></b>	<b><i>Friday, May 24, 2013</i></b>

# Registration Instructions for First Year Students

As a first year student at *New England Law*, you are pre-assigned to certain required classes and class sections. Although you will be preregistered for courses by the Registrar's Office, you must still **complete and submit a registration form to the Admissions Office**. Please follow the directions below.

## Submit Registration Form by Monday, July 9, 2012

Please complete the registration form making sure to supply all the information requested. **Return the form to the Admissions Office no later than Monday, July 9, 2012.** This registration form serves as the formal notification to the law school that you will be attending classes.

**NOTE: If your registration form is not received by the above deadline, your seat in the incoming class will be in jeopardy.**

## First Year Classes Are Required and Pre-Assigned

The first year curriculum is required for full-time Day, Part-time Day and Evening students.

- 1) First year **Day** students will be randomly assigned to section **D-01, D-02 or D-03**. All **Part-time Day** students are assigned to the same Day section.
- 2) **Evening** division students are assigned to Section **E-01**.
- 3) All students are assigned to a **Legal Research & Writing 1 section (LRW 1)** before the first week of classes. **You will be notified of your LRW section at Orientation.**
- 4) Requests for specific section assignments will not be granted.

## Notification of Your Section Assignment and Class Schedule

A course schedule will be mailed to each first-year student **in early August**. This schedule will indicate which section you have been assigned to: (**D-01, D-02, D-03 or E-01**). Every student is responsible for knowing his/her section assignment and class schedule. Once your schedule has been received, **please notify the Registrar's Office immediately** if you believe there is an error or discrepancy with your schedule. Fall and spring course schedules appear at the end of this book. Please take a moment to acquaint yourself with these schedules.

## Student Identification Cards

Student identification cards are required for each student enrolled at *New England Law*. The card contains the student's photograph, name and student I.D. number. The ID card must be presented when using the facilities of the Law Library, and for services at the Registrars' Office and other administrative offices.

**Photos for ID cards will be taken during the week of August 13<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to have your picture taken for your ID card**

**PLEASE NOTE:** In addition to the hard plastic student identification card, all students are also assigned a unique, individual **student I.D. number**. This number is generated by our database when you have paid the required deposits. Your student I.D. number is 5 digits (don't confuse this number with the longer number on the back of your plastic I.D. card!) and should be used for all blind-graded quizzes and exams, as well as any forms that you submit to the Registrar's Office. **Note: Your student I.D. number is also on the course schedule you will be sent in August.**

## Address Changes

It is **very important** that you notify the Registrar's Office of any changes in your mailing address. You may do so by e-mailing the Registrar's Office at: [registrar@nesl.edu](mailto:registrar@nesl.edu) or by submitting a *Change of Address Form* to the Registrar's Office. *Change of Address* forms are available on the NESL website ([www.nesl.edu](http://www.nesl.edu)) and also at the Registrar's Office at 46 Church Street.

**The administrative offices of the law school (Registrar, Financial Aid, Student Accounts, Dean's Office, etc.) send out important mailings during the school year to our students, so it is imperative that we always have your *current* local mailing address on file.**

# Academic and Residency Requirements

## Requirements for a Juris Doctorate Degree

1. **You must complete at least 86 credits.**
2. **You must satisfy the applicable residency requirement.**  
(See Section below – Residency Requirements.)
3. **You must complete the following curricular requirements:**
  - a) The **eleven required courses**: Including *The Law and Ethics of Lawyering*, which full-time day division students take in their 4<sup>th</sup> semester and part-time students take in their 5<sup>th</sup> semester. **Students must take all required courses within their division.**
  - b) The **Professional Skills Requirement**: At least two (2) courses from an approved list of clinical, simulation and practice courses.
  - c) The **Seminar Requirement**: At least one (1) course designated as a seminar.

## Residency Requirements

1. **Day Division** students must be in residence and attend classes for a minimum of six (6) semesters. To be “in residence” for a semester, a student must register for a minimum of 12 credit hours in that semester (unless receiving permission from the Director of Student Services to reduce this minimum) and must receive passing grades for at least 9 of those credit hours.
2. **Evening Division** students must be in residence and attend classes for a minimum of eight (8) semesters. To be “in residence” for a semester, a student must register for a minimum of 9 credit hours in that semester (unless receiving permission from the Director of Student Services to reduce this minimum) and must receive passing grades for at least 8 of those credit hours.

**NOTE**: For purposes of residency fulfillment, students enrolled in the **DAY PART-TIME** division follow the same residency requirements as the **EVENING** Division.

3. **Special Part-time Division** students must comply with the day or evening division residency requirement. In many cases, SPT students may have a combination of day and evening residency. All SPT students should meet with the Director of Student Services regarding this requirement.
4. **All Divisions** - If a student is not enrolled in or fails to receive credit for the required number of hours specified above, the student may receive residence study credit only in the ratio that the hours enrolled in or in which credit was received, as the case may be, bear to the minimum specified. Any student with questions about the residency requirement should meet with the Director of Student Services.
5. **Acceleration** - No *New England Law | Boston* student may use credits earned during the summer to decrease in any way his or her tuition obligations to *New England Law | Boston*. If a student wishes to use summer credits to accelerate his or her date of graduation, he or she may do so only upon written permission from the Director of Student Services and payment of an acceleration fee. “To accelerate his or her date of graduation” means to graduate at a date earlier than expected at the time of admission, so as to reduce the aggregate amount of academic-year (non-summer) tuition that the school is expected to receive at the time of admission. For Day and Evening students, the acceleration fee is equal to the difference between the amount of regular academic-year tuition that the student is expected to pay by the accelerated date of graduation and the amount of academic-year tuition and fees that the student would have been expected to pay if he or she had graduated when originally contemplated. Special part-time students who enroll in summer courses are also subject to an acceleration fee and should consult the Director of Student Services to determine the amount of that fee.  
(See Rule A.6. of the *Student Handbook: Rules and Regulations*.)

## **Attendance Requirements**

*The law school strictly enforces the rule governing class attendance. Rule E.1.a of the Student Handbook: Rules and Regulations, states:*

### **a.) Regular and Punctual Class Attendance**

ABA Standard 304 requires regular and punctual class attendance. In order to comply with this standard, the law school requires that no student shall be absent from more than twenty (20) percent of regularly scheduled hours for any semester in any course, seminar or clinic. If the faculty member determines, after consultation with the student, that the student has failed to meet this standard, the faculty member shall provide written notice to the Dean's office or its designee, who shall instruct the Registrar to give the student in a required course the grade of "F" or, in any other course, the grade of "W". Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent a faculty member from applying a more stringent attendance policy if the faculty member has provided the class written notice of such policy before the end of the drop-add period.

*(Amended by the faculty May 2, 2001, March 24, 2005, and April 1, 2010)*

**Note: Regular and punctual class attendance is a requirement of *New England Law / Boston*.**

# Professional Skills and Seminar Requirements

## Fall 2012 Professional Skills and Seminar Requirement Tables

In order to graduate, a student must have satisfied the **Professional Skills Requirement**. To do this, a student must take at least two courses from the combined approved list of clinical, simulation, and practice courses. The faculty strongly recommends that at least one of these courses be a clinical course; both courses may be clinical courses to satisfy the requirement. To be approved as a Professional Skills Requirement course, a course must require a student to give substantial attention to developing legal practice skills through active participation in real or simulated law practice experiences. Such experiences might include litigation skills and advocacy, client interviewing and counseling, fact investigation, negotiation, and/or practice-orientated writing skills.

Each student is required to take at least one (1) course designated as a **Seminar**. For the purposes of this requirement, a course is eligible to be designated a seminar if it is a course that typically has no more than 25 students who are engaged in advanced, in-depth study of a particular area of law and in which students have substantial responsibility for leading discussion of the materials. Usually a substantial part of the grade in the seminar would be based on a paper.

Professional Skills
Administrative Law Clinic
Advanced Legal Research
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Clinical Evidence
Contracts Drafting
Criminal Procedure II Clinic
Environmental Law Clinic
Family Law Clinic
Federal Courts Clinic
Government Lawyer Clinic
Honors Judicial Internship
Immigration Law Clinic
Law Practice Management
Mass Practice Clinic
Mediation
Mediation & Dispute Resolution Clinic
National Lawyering Skills Competition
Negotiation
Public Interest Law Seminar/Clinic
Refugee And Asylum Law
Tax Clinic
Trial Practice
Trial Preparation

Seminars
ACL: Civil Rights
AEL: Environmental Politics
AICL: International Environmental Law
AICL: Indigenous Peoples' Rights
Beginning of Life and Related Bioethical Issues
Children and the Law
Contemporary Popular Criticism of Lawyers
Corporate Governance
Domestic Violence
Judging and the Judicial Process
Law and The Elderly
Prosecutorial Ethics
Public Interest Law Seminar/Clinic
Perspectives: Custody Law
Perspectives: The Wire
Perspectives: Accessing Education/ Human Rights
Perspectives: Criminal Defense Ethics
Perspectives: Study of Lawyers' Ethics on TV & Film
Perspectives: Ethical Questions in Health Care
Perspectives: The Federal Judge
Race and the Law
Readings in Contract Law
School Governance and Teachers' Rights
Wrongful Convictions

## Additional Information

### Semester Credits and Course Requirements for Day Students

FULL-TIME DAY DIVISION / FIRST YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
Civil Procedure	3	Civil Procedure	3
Contracts	3	Contracts	2
Property	3	Property	2
Legal Research & Writing I	2	Legal Research & Writing I	2
Torts	4	Constitutional Law	4
		Criminal Law	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS (FALL)</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDITS (SPRING)</b>	<b>16</b>

FULL-TIME DAY DIVISION / SECOND YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
Evidence	3	Criminal Procedure I	3
Legal Research & Writing II	2	Electives	6-9
Electives	7-10	Ethics *	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS (FALL)</b>	<b>12-15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDITS (SPRING)</b>	<b>12-15</b>
* Second-year Day students must take <i>Law and Ethics of Lawyering</i> in their spring semester.			

FULL-TIME DAY DIVISION / THIRD YEAR	
Electives: 12-15 credits.	

### Semester Credits and Course Requirements for Evening Students

EVENING DIVISION STUDENTS / FIRST YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
Civil Procedure	3	Civil Procedure	3
Contracts	2	Contracts	3
Legal Research & Writing I	2	Legal Research & Writing I	2
Torts	4	Criminal Law	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS (FALL)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDITS (SPRING)</b>	<b>11</b>

EVENING DIVISION STUDENTS / SECOND YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
Evidence	3	Criminal Procedure I	3
Property	2	Property	3
Constitutional Law	4	Electives	3-6
Legal Research & Writing II	2		
<b>TOTAL CREDITS (FALL)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDITS (SPRING)</b>	<b>9-12</b>

### Semester Credits and Course Requirements for Day Part-Time Students

PART-TIME DAY STUDENTS / FIRST YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
Contracts	2	Contracts	3
Civil Procedure	3	Civil Procedure	3
Legal Research & Writing I	2	Legal Research & Writing I	2
Torts	4	Criminal Law	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS (FALL)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDITS (SPRING)</b>	<b>11</b>

PART-TIME DAY STUDENTS / SECOND YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
Evidence	3	Criminal Procedure I	3
Property	2	Property	3
Constitutional Law	4	Electives	3-6
Legal Research & Writing II	2		
<b>TOTAL CREDITS (FALL)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDITS (SPRING)</b>	<b>9-12</b>

EVENING DIVISION and PART-TIME DAY STUDENTS / THIRD and FOURTH YEAR STUDENTS
<p>Third-year Evening students must take <i>Law and Ethics of Lawyering</i> in their fall semester.</p> <p><b>NOTE TO THIRD YEAR DAY PART-TIME STUDENTS :</b> You MUST take Ethics either in the fall (evening) or spring (day) of your third year. You cannot take it in your last year.</p> <p>Third and fourth year Evening &amp; Day Part-Time students also take electives: 9-12 credits.</p>

## Dean's List

Eligibility is calculated each semester (Note: First-year Day and Evening students are not ranked in the first semester and are not eligible for Dean's List in the fall semester. The grade for first-year Torts is calculated into the student's cumulative GPA in the *spring semester* of year one).

<u>Division</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Minimum Credits</u>
Day Division	GPA of 3.0 or better for the semester	10 credits
Day Part-Time Program	GPA of 3.0 or better for the semester	8 credits
Evening Division	GPA of 3.0 or better for the semester	8 credits
Special Part-Time Program	GPA of 3.0 or better for the semester	8 credits

## New England Scholar

Eligibility is calculated at the end of each academic year. Please note that the *New England Scholar* award is based on a student's GPA for one academic year (i.e., fall 2011 and spring 2012, for example). It is not based on a student's cumulative GPA.

<u>Division</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Minimum Credits</u>
Day Division	Top 10% of each class for the academic year (not cumulative)	Each semester must include a minimum of 12 credits
Evening Division	Top 10% of each class for the academic year (not cumulative)	Each semester must include a minimum of 9 credits
Special Part-Time Program	GPA equal to the equivalent of the top 10% of the Evening Division class that corresponds to their expected graduation year (not cumulative).	Each semester must include a minimum of 9 credits

**Note:** Credits earned by students for *Law Review*, *New England Journal on Criminal and Civil Confinement*, the *Honors Judicial Internship*, *Independent Legal Research* and the *National Lawyering Skills Competition* may be counted toward the minimum number of credits required for Dean's list and New England Scholar.

## Transferring Divisions

A student may request a transfer from the Day to the Evening Division or the Evening to the Day Division provided such student submits a Student Request Form to the Associate Dean or Director of Student Services by **MARCH 15** prior to the academic year for which transfer is sought. **Such transfers are at the discretion of the Dean and are subject to space availability.** If approval of the Associate Dean/ Director of Student Services is obtained, the fact of the transfer should be noted on subsequent registration forms submitted by the student. There is a division transfer fee of \$100.00.

**Note:** Division transfer is only allowed for those students with a cumulative GPA of at least **3.00**. In addition, first-year evening to day division transfers must complete the following required courses in the evening: *Constitutional Law*, *Property*, and *Legal Research and Writing II*

## **Student Employment**

Standard 304 (f) of the ABA Standards for Approval of Law Schools provides that a student may not engage in employment for more than 20 hours per week in any semester in which the student is enrolled in more than 12 class hours. Requests by full-time students for special scheduling consideration because of employment will not be granted.

## **Special Accommodation for Disability**

Any student, who because of a learning disability or other impairment requires an accommodation on examinations, should contact Jacqueline Pilgrim, the Director of Student Services as early as possible in the semester.

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## **Fall 2012 Tuition & Financial Aid Information**

*Please refer to the NEL website for information on Financial Aid and Tuition:*

*[http://www.nesl.edu/students/registration\\_information.cfm](http://www.nesl.edu/students/registration_information.cfm)*

*Invoices will be mailed to all registered students in early July.*

## **Fall 2012/ Spring 2013 Course Schedules and Fall 2012 Exam Schedule**

Fall and Spring course schedules and the Fall 2012 exam schedule may be found at the following address on the NEL website: [http://www.nesl.edu/students/registration\\_information.cfm](http://www.nesl.edu/students/registration_information.cfm)