Master of Legal Studies Handbook
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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

To view the most up-to-date version of the calendar visit:
https://www.american.edu/provost/registrar/academic-calendar.cfm

2021 Term 3 (July-September)
- July 6: Start of term; start of classes
- July 10: Make up day for Monday classes not held on July 5, a national holiday
- July 14: Last day to add or drop classes without penalty; deadline to apply to graduate
- July 19: Last day to withdraw with 50% refund
- July 24: Last day to withdraw with 25% refund
- August 21: Last day to withdraw
- September 6: Labor Day—No Class
- September 11: Last day of class; Make up day for Monday classes not held on Sept. 6
- September 13 – 15: Finals Period
- September 26: End of Term
- October 3: Degree Conferral

2021 Term 4 (October-December)
- October 4: Start of term; start of classes
- October 12: Last day to drop a course for 100% refund and without a 'W' recorded; last day to add a course; deadline to apply to graduate
- October 17: Last day to withdraw with 50% refund
- October 22: Last day to withdraw with 25% refund
- November 19: Last day to withdraw
- November 25: Thanksgiving – No Class
- November 27: Make up day for Thursday classes not held on Thanksgiving
- December 11: Last Day of Class
- December 13 – 15: Finals Period
- December 18: End of Term
- December 23: Degree Conferral

2022 Term 1 (January - March)
- January 10: Start of term; start of classes
- January 17: Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday – No Class
- January 18: Last day to drop a course for 100% refund and without a ‘W’ recorded; last day to add a course; deadline to apply to graduate
- January 22: Make up day for Monday classes not held on Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday
- January 23: Last day to withdraw with 50% refund
- January 28: Last day to withdraw with 25% refund
- February 25: Last day to withdraw
- March 19: Last Day of Class
- March 21 – 23: Finals Period
- March 27: End of Term
- April 3: Degree Conferral
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2022 Term 2 (April - June)
- April 4: Start of term; start of classes
- April 12: Last day to drop a course for 100% refund and without a ‘W’ recorded; last day to add a course; deadline to apply to graduate
- April 17: Last day to withdraw with 50% refund
- April 22: Last day to withdraw with 25% refund
- May 20: Last day to withdraw
- May 30: Memorial Day—No Class
- June 4: Make up day for Monday classes not held on Memorial Day
- June 11: Last Day of Class
- June 13 – 15: Finals Period
- June 26: End of Term
- July 4: Degree Conferral

2022 Term 3 (July - September)
- July 5: Start of term; start of classes
- July 9: Make up day for Monday classes not held on July 4
- July 13: Last day to drop a course for 100% refund and without a ‘W’ recorded; last day to add a course; deadline to apply to graduate
- July 18: Last day to withdraw with 50% refund
- July 23: Last day to withdraw with 25% refund
- August 20: Last day to withdraw
- September 5: Labor Day—No Class
- September 10: Last day of class; Make up day for Monday classes not held on Sept. 5
- September 12 – 14: Finals Period
- September 25: End of Term
- October 2: Degree Conferral

2022 Term 4 (October-December)
- October 3: Start of term; start of classes
- October 11: Last day to drop a course for 100% refund and without a ‘W’ recorded; last day to add a course; deadline to apply to graduate
- October 17: Last day to withdraw with 50% refund
- October 21: Last day to withdraw with 25% refund
- November 18: Last day to withdraw
- November 24: Thanksgiving—No Class
- November 26: Make up day for Monday classes not held on Thanksgiving
- December 10: Last Day of Class
- December 12 – 14: Finals Period
- December 17: End of Term
- December 22: Degree Conferral **Tentative**
COURSE PLATFORM

2AU, the Digital Learning Platform: [https://2au.onlinelaw.wcl.american.edu/login](https://2au.onlinelaw.wcl.american.edu/login) is where you will access your live class sessions and your asynchronous coursework.

MLS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- Full-time = 6 credits  |  Part-time = 3 credits
- 30 credits with a grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better
- Degree must be completed within 5 years
- 1 Immersion program or Selected Topics in Law course
- Academic year is broken into 4 terms
- Program is completed in a minimum of 4 terms (12 months) but most often in 5 terms (15 months) with students taking 6 credits per term
- Classes meet synchronously for 2 hours per class once per week for 10 weeks
- Students need a laptop or desktop computer with working audio and web camera to access synchronous class sessions
- Students complete roughly a total of 7-9 hours of asynchronous material and reading per class per week
- Most courses are from Washington College of Law (see Appendix A) but students can take up to 3 courses from the Kogod School of Business (see Appendix B) and/or the School of International Service (see Appendix C). Please refer to the [AU Course catalog](https://www.american.edu/courses/) or to your Student Success Advisor for course descriptions.
- Students can change their area of specialization at any point until they have completed 18 credits, usually at the end of the student’s third term of study
- Students cannot transfer credits from another university
- Students who complete the Health Care & Compliance Specialization with a GPA of at least 3.0 may sit for a CCB exam within one year of graduation.
- Program confers an academic degree, and does not grant students a qualifying credential to sit for a state bar exam

Required Core Courses

- Intro to Courts & Law: LGLS-600 (3 cr.) (1st term)
- Intro to Regulation & Compliance: LGLS-601 (3 cr.) (1st term)
- Drafting for Compliance Professionals: LGLS-603 (3 cr.)
- Negotiation & Communication: LGLS-602 (1.5 cr.) OR Electronically Stored Information: LGLS-641 (1.5 cr.)
  - Both can be taken if a student so chooses
- Immersion Program (LGLS-604 or LGLS-642) OR Selected Topics in Law (LGLS-695) (1.5 cr.)
  - Both can be taken if a student so chooses

General MLS

- In addition to the required courses, students must complete:
  - 6 courses/18 credits from available WCL, KSB, and SIS electives
Business
● Required courses:
  o Business Law, Ethics & Governance: ACCT-635 (3 cr.) (KSB)
  o Business Associations: LGLS-620 (3 cr.)
● In addition, students must complete at least 2 courses/6 credits from the following list:
  o Human Resources Compliance: LGLS-624 (3 cr.)
  o Government Contracting: LGLS-621 (3 cr.)
  o Banking and Financial Services Compliance: LGLS-622 (3 cr.)
  o Anti-Corruption Law: LGLS-623 (3 cr.)
  o Information Privacy & Data Security Law: LGLS-631 (3 cr.)
  o Contract Drafting: LGLS-625 (3 cr.)

Health Care & Compliance
● Required Courses:
  o Health Care Law & Compliance: LGLS-630 (3 cr.)
  o Information Privacy & Data Security Law: LGLS-631 (3 cr.)
  o Health Care Fraud & Abuse: Contracting & Compliance: LGLS-632 (3 cr.)

Information Technology
● Required Courses:
  o Cyber Law: LGLS-640 (3 cr.)
  o Information Privacy & Data Security Law: LGLS-631 (3 cr.)
● In addition, students must complete at least 6 credits from the following list:
  o Electronically Stored Information: LGLS-641 (1.5 cr.)
  o Immersion: e-Discovery: LGLS-642 (1.5 cr.)
  o Cyber Security Governance: ITEC-667 (3 cr.) (KSB)
  o Database and Big Data: ITEC-670 (3 cr.) (KSB)

Cybersecurity
● Required Courses:
  o Cyber Law: LGLS-640 (3 cr.)
  o Information Privacy & Data Security Law: LGLS-631 (3 cr.)
  o Managing Digital Organization: ITEC-616 (3 cr.) (KSB)
  o Cybersecurity Risk Management: ITEC-666 (3 cr.) (KSB)
  o Cyber Security Governance: ITEC-667 (3 cr.) (KSB)

Immersion Program
● On-campus (though may be online due to COVID-19) long weekend (Thursday-Saturday)
● Opportunity to meet classmates in person
● Pass/Fail; 1.5 credits

Selected Topics in Law Course
● Online workshops
● Pass/Fail; 1.5 credits
**COURSE REGISTRATION**

Degree candidates must maintain continuous registration until all requirements are satisfied. Students must initially register for the courses in which they wish to enroll prior to the beginning of each term, or a late registration fee may be assessed.

**Students who fail to register and who have not requested and received a leave of absence for four terms will be administratively separated from the University after the add/drop date of the fourth academic term for which they failed to register.**

**How Do I Register for Courses?**

A full description of how to register (with visuals) is on page 27 of this handbook. Students register and pre-register for each term’s classes online at Eagle Service, which you can access within the myAU portal under Academics for Student Planning. Registration is on a first-come, first-enrolled basis. During the registration period and add/drop week (the first week of classes), students may add and drop classes as they wish, provided space is available.

Every term, currently enrolled students are given the opportunity to register in advance (pre-register) for the next term’s classes. Whenever possible, students should pre-register to have a better chance of getting into a class.

Students should not register for more classes than they plan to take. The online registration system will NOT allow you to register for classes with overlapping meeting times. There are no exceptions, even with permission from the professor.

**BEFORE you can register:**

Registration for all students is not complete until fees have been paid or proper arrangements for payment are made with the Office of Student Accounts. Students who have stops of any kind will NOT be able to pre-register or register for courses. Before the pre-registration period begins, check your account at myau.american.edu to see if you have any stops. Contact the Office of Student Accounts immediately to clear any stops.

You must know your AU ID number and password in order to register for courses online.

**How Many Credits Should I Take?**

**Full-time** MLS students must be enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours during each term. **Part-time** MLS students must be enrolled in a minimum of three credit hours during each term.

MLS students may transfer between a part-time and full-time course load. A student who drops below the part-time course load should consult the Office of Financial Aid regarding minimum credit requirements in order to qualify for certain types of aid.

**How Does the Waitlist Work?**

If a course is full when you register, you can get on the course’s waitlist. MLS students can be on up to 2 waitlists. Students are notified that spaces have opened in a course via an e-mail to their AU e-mail address. The spot will remain open for 24 hours and will then be offered to the next student on the list. **To see if you are offered a spot in a course, please check your AU e-mail account daily.**
Add/Drop
The length of the add/drop period and the final day to withdraw from a course for any term in a four-term calendar is determined by the number of days in the terms. The Office of the Registrar will provide a website that will specify these periods based on the number of days in the term.

Can I Drop a Class After Add/Drop Week?
Students who wish to drop a course should do so prior to the add/drop deadline to avoid financial penalties. To withdraw from a course after the add/drop deadline, you must fill out a Request for Registration Action Form available from the Office of the Registrar.

Online course refunds are calculated proportionately using percentage of days elapsed from the first day of class until the last day of class. If an online course has non-standard beginning and end dates, the 100 percent, 50 percent, and 25 percent refunds are based on the percentage of days elapsed from the first day of the course until the last day of the course.

If you withdraw from a course after the add/drop deadline, the course will still be listed on your transcript with a “W” next to it.

How Much Do Courses Cost?
You will be charged the per credit rate. Tuition rates are posted in early spring for the next academic year. Tuition rates increase every fall and can be found here.

COURSE CREDITS & THE GRADING SYSTEM

Credit Hours
Credit hours for four-term calendar courses are equivalent to the Carnegie definition of semester credit hours - a semester credit hour is at least 12.5 hours of direct faculty instruction per semester (in class, online, remote site) with at least 25 hours of student work outside of that direct instruction, typically conducted over a 15-week semester, or an equivalent amount of faculty instruction and work over a different time period. Four-term calendar courses are typically 3 semester credit hours each, meaning that students meet in an instructional venue (in class, online, remote site) for 3.75 hours each week and complete academic work outside the instructional venue at least 7.5 hours each week of a ten-week term. Courses that meet fewer than 3.75 hours a week that are assigned 3 semester credit hours must require students to do additional work outside the instructional venue to achieve the expected learning objectives of a 3.75 hour a week course. Courses that carry more than or less than 3 semester credit hours require proportionately more or less work each week, respectively, both inside and outside the instructional venue. Courses that meet for terms greater than or less than 10 weeks will require proportionately more or less contact hours to the weekly instruction time both inside and outside the instructional venue.

A course’s “credit hours” represents the number of hours of direct faculty interaction per week. You can expect a 3-credit online course to include roughly 220 minutes combined of asynchronous and synchronous class time per week.

Assignment Overview & Rubrics
All assessments will have detailed instructions in the online course platform and will be scored using the rubrics that are attached to the assignment. You should review all of the instructions and the rubrics before submitting each assessment. If you have questions about an assessment or rubric, contact your instructor to schedule a time to speak one-on-one.
How Grades Are Determined
Professors generally base students’ final grades on a variety of assessments that include exams, research papers, group projects, discussion board posts, in-class participation, and attendance. Your professors should specify clearly at the beginning of the course which assessments they will use to determine your final grade, and their relative weight or importance.

Measuring Student Performance
WCL uses a grading system that is based on a four-point scale. Each letter grade is given a numerical point value to make it easier to compute the average:

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Grade Point Average (GPA)
Your GPA gives an overall picture of how you are performing academically. Admissions offices and prospective employers are often interested to know your GPA. The registrar’s office calculates cumulative and term GPAs. As a result, if you want to know your GPA, look on your unofficial transcript, which you can access in Eagle Service.

Incomplete courses
Any course for which an “Incomplete” (I) or “In Progress” (IP) has been entered must be completed by the end of the next term or the grade automatically is converted to an F, unless an extension is granted. Students on academic probation may not receive “Incomplete” (I) or “In Progress” (IP) grades. At the discretion of the faculty member and before the end of the semester, the grade of I (Incomplete) may be given to a student who, because of extenuating circumstances, is unable to complete the course during the semester. The grade of Incomplete may be given only if the student is receiving a passing grade for the coursework completed. Students on academic probation may not receive an Incomplete. The instructor must provide in writing to the student the conditions, which are described below, for satisfying the Incomplete and must enter those same conditions when posting the grades for the course. The student is responsible for verifying that the conditions were entered correctly.

Conditions for satisfying the Incomplete must include what work needs to be completed, by when the work must be completed, and what the course grade will be if the student fails to complete that work. At the latest, any outstanding coursework must be completed before the end of the following term, absent an agreement to the contrary. If the student does not meet the conditions, the Office of the WCL Registrar will assign the default grade automatically.

The Associate Dean of Student Affairs, with the concurrence of the instructor, may grant an extension beyond the agreed deadline, but only in extraordinary circumstances. Incomplete courses may not be retroactively dropped. An Incomplete may not stand as a permanent grade and must be resolved before a degree can be awarded.

Class attendance
To receive credit, students must attend classes and complete asynchronous material regularly. Excessive absence indicates a lack of seriousness on the part of the student. If a student accumulates an excessive number of absences without good cause (e.g., illness), he or she may be denied credit for that term or
be barred from taking the final examination. Please review your professors’ attendance policies on the course syllabi.

**Appeal of Grades**

To request a review of a grade, students should first contact the instructor. If questions still exist, the student can meet with the Assistant Dean Online Learning. **Students cannot retake exams.**

**VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL**

After the add/drop period, students who seek to withdraw from all courses simultaneously must work with the Office of Online Learning and the Office of the Registrar to file a Withdraw from All Classes form. The date that the Withdraw from All Classes form is received by the Office of the Registrar will be the effective date of the withdrawal.

For all course withdrawals after the end of the Add/Drop period, students will receive a notation of Withdraw (“W”) on their transcript and will be subject to the financial policies delineated in the law school’s Tuition Cancelation Schedule.

Students who have been charged with or are under investigation for a violation of the Honor Code may not withdraw from a course that is implicated in the charge. Additional restrictions on course withdrawals may apply to particular academic programs and students in the United States on a visa. Subject to the provisions of Section VI of the Course Drop and Withdrawal Policy, in no situation may a student withdraw from any class after the applicable Deadline to Withdraw from a Course with a Transcript Notation. The student will receive no reimbursement and will receive a failing grade for any course that is not successfully completed. Discontinuation of attendance at a class or notification to the instructor does not constitute an official drop or withdrawal from a course.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Upon approval of the Assistant Dean Online Learning, a student who has completed at least one full term and is in good standing may obtain a leave of absence from the law school for a stated period of time. Students may request leave no later than the end of the add/drop period in the term in which the temporary leave will begin. Students on leave are not required to maintain continuous registration. A temporary leave of absence is limited to four consecutive or non-consecutive terms. Students who remain on leave for more than four terms will be administratively separated from the university, and tuition and fees will not be reimbursable. Students who are administratively separated must file an application for readmission to the law school with the admissions committee.

Long-term military temporary leaves may be extended beyond the four-term limit.

**PROBATION AND EXCLUSION FOR ACADEMIC DEFICIENCY**

Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater. Students with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or lower will be placed on academic probation for one term. While on probation, the student must raise his or her cumulative GPA to 2.0 or greater by the end of that term or be dismissed unconditionally.

**REINSTATEMENT**

Once dismissed for academic deficiency, a student may be reinstated only by petitioning the admissions committee for readmission. Readmission is granted only in extraordinary cases of demonstrated, substantial improvement in a student’s potential for continuing the study of law successfully. As a
matter of policy, the admissions committee generally requires that a student dismissed for academic deficiency remain out of school for a minimum of two terms before a petition for readmission is acted upon.

The law school follows a five-year rule under which any credits earned more than five years prior to being readmitted will not be credited toward degree requirements, and the student will be required to replace these disallowed credits after readmission. All credits earned in required courses that are disallowed because of the application of this rule can only be replaced by repeating the same required courses in which the credits are disallowed. Students who maintain their connections with the law school by an approved leave of absence generally are not subject to this five-year rule.

**VA EDUCATION FUNDING**
The MLS program is proud to support students who are active duty or former duty, or who have family members serving our country.

Please see [American University’s Veteran Services home page](#) for more information on utilizing VA Educational funding. Students may reach out to our Veteran Services office directly at 202-885-8018 or veterans@american.edu.

**GRADUATION AND COMMENCEMENT**

**Application for Graduation**
Students must submit an Application to Graduate at the beginning of the term during which they expect to complete all degree and program requirements. In addition, if a student has completed all requirements to graduate and has not applied for graduation, an academic unit may apply for the student to graduate after one term from completing all requirements.

Diplomas and official transcripts will be withheld from students with financial stops on their accounts.

**Commencement Ceremonies**
Graduation ceremonies are only held in May. Students who complete their degree requirements in June may choose to participate in the preceding May commencement ceremony. Those who graduate in September, December, and March, may participate in the following May ceremony.

**Graduation Honors**
The MLS program does not award Latin honors. The student with the highest GPA in each graduating term will be awarded the MLS Highest GPA Award.

**Alumni Email**
Convert your student email account to an alumni account to maintain access following your graduation from AU. To activate your alumni email, log into the portal at myau.american.edu, click on the Academics menu under Personalized Links on the left, then click Get Your Alumni Email.

**WHAT IF I NEED HELP?**
If you need help with a class, speak to your professor. They teach because they want you to learn and will work with you if you do not understand a concept or need an extension. If you have questions about the program, you can contact Cathy Schenker, the Assistant Dean of Online Learning, or Carla Brown, the student success advisor. You can also refer to the offices listed in the chart on page 17.
LINKS TO PROGRAMS AT WCL – AREA OF INTEREST

Below are links to programs at WCL. Sign up on each program’s website to be included in the listserv to stay connected and to be notified of various events.

- **Tech, Law & Security Program:** [https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives-programs/techlaw/](https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives-programs/techlaw/)
- **Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property:** [https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives-programs/pijip/](https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives-programs/pijip/)
- **Business Law Program:** [https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives-programs/business/](https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives-programs/business/)
- **Anti-Corruption Program:** [https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives-programs/anti-corruption/](https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives-programs/anti-corruption/)
- **Health Law and Policy Program:** [https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives-programs/health/](https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives-programs/health/)
CCB CERTIFICATION

MLS students who successfully complete the following healthcare specialization classes: LGLS-601, LGLS-603, LGLS-630, LGLS-631, and LGLS-632 with a 3.0 GPA will be eligible to sit for one of the following Compliance Certification Board (CCB) Exams: CHC, CHRC, CHPC, CCEP, or CCEP-I. Please see below for additional information on these exam options.

Please note that seeking this certification is optional. If you wish to pursue CCB certification, the exam costs $275 for SCCE or HCCA members, or $375 for non-members (costs subject to change) and is at your own expense. The exam must be taken within one year of graduation.

The two and a half hour exam comprises of 115 questions; only 100 questions will be scored. The score report will indicate a “pass” or “fail.”

Certification Process: The below information provides additional information on how to pursue the CCB certification.

**Step 1**
There are five different CCB exams available. To help you decide which exam is the best fit for you, please review the web links to the explanations of the various exams and exam handbooks below.

- [Certified in Healthcare Compliance (CHC)](https://www.hcca-info.org/apply-exam) and [CHC Handbook](https://www.corporatecompliance.org/apply-exam)
- [Certified in Healthcare Research Compliance (CHRC)](https://www.hcca-info.org/apply-exam) and [CHRC Handbook](https://www.corporatecompliance.org/apply-exam)
- [Certified in Healthcare Privacy Compliance (CHPC)](https://www.hcca-info.org/apply-exam) and [CHPC Handbook](https://www.corporatecompliance.org/apply-exam)
- [Certified Compliance & Ethics Professional (CCEP)](https://www.hcca-info.org/apply-exam) and [CCEP Handbook](https://www.corporatecompliance.org/apply-exam)
- [Certified Compliance & Ethics Professional–International (CCEP-I)](https://www.hcca-info.org/apply-exam) and [CCEP-I Handbook](https://www.corporatecompliance.org/apply-exam)

**Step 2**
In your final term, send an e-mail to Cathy Schenker ([schenker@wcl.american.edu](mailto:schenker@wcl.american.edu)) stating that you plan to take a CCB exam.

**Step 3**
Once you complete all program requirements and graduate, you will receive a letter from WCL stating that you are eligible to sit for CCB exam. You may then sit for an exam within one year of graduating.

- For the CHC, CHRC, and CHPC exams, you can apply by going to the following link - [https://www.hcca-info.org/apply-exam](https://www.hcca-info.org/apply-exam).
- For the CCEP and CCEP-I exams, you can apply by going to the following link- [https://www.corporatecompliance.org/apply-exam](https://www.corporatecompliance.org/apply-exam).

**Step 4**
Make sure you have reviewed the handbook of your preferred exam thoroughly and reviewed practice questions. There are practice questions within the handbook and on the CCB website.

**Step 5**
Take the exam.

If you have any questions about the CCB Certification, please reach out to the Assistant Dean Online Learning, Cathy Schenker at 202-274-4065 or [schenker@wcl.american.edu](mailto:schenker@wcl.american.edu).
THE HONOR CODE
All WCL students must adhere to the Statement of Academic Honesty, which is codified in an Honor Code. Please read the entire WCL Honor Code, which can be found in the WCL catalog, at the WCL registrar’s Web site, and at the end of this Handbook.

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE HONOR CODE
● Plagiarism is prohibited. In other words, you may not incorporate the words or ideas of another into any written work product (term paper, memorandum, etc.) without proper attribution. You may not submit as your own any written work product that has been prepared by another person. The verbatim reproduction of the words or ideas of another person in your written work product must be enclosed in quotation marks. Generally, you may paraphrase the words or ideas of another in your written work product without quotation marks, but you must include a comprehensive footnote. Paraphrasing requires you to change another person’s ideas and text into your own words and to change your sentence structure significantly; changing a few words is not sufficient!
● During exams, you may not consult any materials except those permitted by the instructor. During “closed book” exams the use of any materials is prohibited, except perhaps a dictionary. Ask your professor to clarify what materials, if any, are acceptable to use during an exam.
● You may not communicate with any other student during an exam.
● You may not discuss an exam you have taken with a classmate who has deferred it to a later date.
● All members of the WCL community (faculty, staff, and students) are required to report possible violations when there are reasonable grounds to believe a violation has occurred.
● Failure to report possible violations is a specific offense under the Honor Code.

SANCTIONS FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE HONOR CODE
Engaging in plagiarism can be disastrous for one’s graduate school and career. Sanctions for plagiarism can include a failing grade, disqualification from the activity for which the paper was submitted, and suspension or expulsion from the law school. The finding of plagiarism may be entered onto the student’s transcript or permanent file.

DISCRIMINATION: AU POLICIES
American University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution. The university does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or disability. Policies of equal opportunity, affirmative action, and nondiscrimination apply to every aspect of the university’s operations and activities, including admissions, employment, and access to university programs and services. Further information about the university’s discrimination policies can be found in the Student Affairs office.

SEX DISCRIMINATION and SEXUAL HARASSMENT
Consistent with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the D.C. Human Rights Act of 1977, sex discrimination is prohibited in the American University community. This includes:
● Any sex discrimination in the areas of admissions, financial aid, employment, conduct of classes, and other university-related activities.
● Visible disparities in the funding and treatment of student-related activities.
● Sexual harassment between members of the same or opposite sex.
The American University community values the individual’s right to live, work, and study without fear of intimidation, coercion, or exploitation. Sexual harassment creates a hostile environment that is incompatible with the mission and goals of the university. Moreover, sexual harassment is a form of discrimination and is illegal. The university will respond to all reports of sexual harassment.

**WHAT IS SEXUAL HARASSMENT?**

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when:

- Submission to or rejection of such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual’s employment or academic advancement;
- Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions or academic decisions affecting such individuals;
- Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual’s work or academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or academic environment.

**Examples of Sexual Harassment:** Sexual harassment can range from sexual humor and innuendo to physical threats. Some examples of sexual harassment include direct or subtle pressure for dates or sexual activity, unwelcome brushes or touches, physical aggression such as pinching or patting, inappropriate sexual innuendos, sexist jokes or remarks, or obscene gestures or comments.

**Sexual Harassment Project Team:** The Sexual Harassment Project Team helps prevent and address problems of sexual harassment campus-wide; to provide information and education on sexual harassment, complaint procedures and related university policies to members of the campus community; and to develop and review educational or informational materials regarding sexual harassment.

**Reporting sexual harassment:** The university will respond to all reports of sexual harassment. If you feel you have been the target of sexual harassment, and would like to report it, you have three options:

- **Information and Referral:** Members of the Sexual Harassment Project Team can provide students with information about sexual harassment and complaint procedures. Call the WCL Office of Student Affairs: 202-274-4031.

- **Informal Complaint:** American University is committed to the voluntary, timely, and informal resolution of sexual harassment complaints. If you believe that you have been sexually harassed, you are encouraged to make an informal complaint. This can include addressing the alleged harasser directly, whether in person, in writing, or in a facilitated meeting with an appropriate university official.

- **Formal Complaint:** If informal measures do not stop the behavior, or if you prefer a formal procedure, contact the Office of Diversity and Inclusion: 202-274-4032.

**Retaliation:** Retaliation against anyone who files a sexual harassment complaint, who supports or assists an individual in pursuing a complaint, or who participates in the resolution of a complaint is prohibited. Any retaliatory action may be the basis for another complaint under this policy.
False or Frivolous Charges: This policy must not be used to bring false or frivolous charges against students, faculty members, or other employees. Those bringing false or frivolous charges may be subject to disciplinary action.

Confidentiality: All reports or complaints of sexual harassment will be kept confidential, except that individuals with a legitimate need to know will be informed of the complaint in order for the university to conduct a meaningful review of each complaint and for the purpose of determining whether the complaint is isolated, frequent, part of a pattern of practice, or pervasive. All records are confidential with access only to individuals with a legitimate need to know.

IF YOU ARE SEXUALLY ASSAULTED

If you have been the target of sexual assault and would like report it, you have several options:

- Call friends or family to assist you.
- Call outside sources such as the D.C. Rape Crisis Center: 202-333-7273.
- Go to the hospital for an exam. If you choose to report the assault for criminal prosecution, hospital officials will call the MPD Sex Offense Squad to collect evidence for criminal prosecution. Do not shower or bathe prior to this exam. Bring with you, in a plastic bag, any clothes or articles you were wearing when the assault occurred. If needed, a staff member from Public Safety or Residential Life can help you arrange transportation to the hospital.
- Receive counseling or a counseling referral from AU’s Counseling Center (number below).
- Receive medical attention at the Student Health Center (SHC). The SHC can provide testing for sexually transmitted diseases and other services; however, the SHC cannot collect evidence for MPD in preparation for possible criminal prosecution. It is therefore very important that you go to the hospital if you think that you might press criminal charges.
- Report the assault to local authorities (in DC, the Metropolitan Police Department) and tell them that you want to file charges.
- Report the assault to campus authorities. Your first point of contact WCL’s Office of Student Affairs (202-274-4031). Other steps could include reporting the incident to Public Safety or the Counseling Center.
- You may file charges at the university through AU’s internal judicial system, Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services (202-885-3314). This would be in addition to charges you may have filed through the court system (criminal/civil).
- Ask for assistance regarding academic matters or living arrangements, if needed. You might consider getting a note from a doctor or psychologist. With a doctor’s note, you won’t have to share information with more people than you choose to, but will still be able to show that you are having a medical/personal emergency.
## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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<td>Student Success/Tech. Support</td>
<td>(855) 974-4264 <a href="mailto:studentsuccess@onlinelaw.wcl.american.edu">studentsuccess@onlinelaw.wcl.american.edu</a></td>
<td>Chat Feature within 2AU: 2AU - LMS</td>
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<td>Student Affairs</td>
<td>(202) 274-4030 <a href="mailto:studentaffairs@wcl.american.edu">studentaffairs@wcl.american.edu</a></td>
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<td>(202) 274-4080 <a href="mailto:registrationservices@wcl.american.edu">registrationservices@wcl.american.edu</a></td>
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<td>Office of Adv. Services for Interpersonal &amp; Sexual Violence</td>
<td>(202) 885-3276 <a href="mailto:hpac@american.edu">hpac@american.edu</a></td>
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<td>Acad. Support &amp; Access Center Disability Services</td>
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MyAU Portal

https://myau.american.edu

MyAU is the portal website to many essential university resources, such as Eagle Service. If you have not already, go online as soon as possible to create your myau.american.edu account (you will need your AU ID number), and familiarize yourself with this website. Once you have logged in you can:

ACADEMICS TAB: ADD/DROP COURSES (AFTER AUTHORIZATION)

ACADEMICS TAB: VIEW GRADES

FINANCE TAB: CHECK YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT

FINANCE TAB: MAKE AN E-PAYMENT

ACCESS EMAIL

ACCESS NETWORK DRIVE

DOWNLOAD SOFTWARE

Available are antivirus software, web browsers, Adobe Acrobat Reader, software updates and more.

FORWARD YOUR AU EMAIL ACCOUNT!!!

Important AU and WCL announcements will be automatically sent to your AU email account. You may choose to use your AU email account directly, or you may forward (“POP”) your AU email account to your personal account (such as Hotmail, Yahoo, AOL, etc.)
## Appendix A: WCL Courses

### WCL Course Options

LGLS-602, LGLS-604, LGLS-641, LGLS-642, and LGLS-695 are **1.5 credits** each; all other courses below are **3 credits** each

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## Appendix B: KSB Courses

### KSB Course Options

All courses below are 3 credits each
*Please note students can take up to 9 credits (3 courses) from Kogod School of Business and/or School of International Service*

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**Appendix C: SIS Courses**

**SIS Course Options**

All courses below are 3 credits each

*Please note students can take up to 9 credits (3 courses) from Kogod School of Business and/or School of International Service*

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**Appendix D: How to Forward your AU Email**

If you do not plan to check your american.edu student accounts, you **MUST** forward your email to the account you check most often. Failure to do so can result in missing emails regarding classes and graduation, and may affect your ability to graduate. As active students, WCL Faculty & Staff will email students only at their american.edu account. For FERPA compliance purposes, all official student requests **MUST** come from your AU email.

How to forward AU Emails:

1. Log in to myAU Portal using your AU credentials
2. Once you have logged in, click ‘Email’ at the top of the page
3. You will be redirected to your AU email address via Office 365 Outlook
4. Select the Settings icon at the top-right hand corner of the page
5. At the bottom of the Settings pane, click ‘Mail’ under ‘Your app settings’
6. On the right side of the page, it will populate a variety of options for you to choose from; click ‘Forwarding’

7. Enter the email address you wish to forward your AU emails to
Appendix E: How to Add, Register, Drop Classes & View Your Class Schedule

Adding a Course

Step One: Log into your myAU portal, using your username and password. Click Sign In.

Step Two: Under the Academics tab on the left side of the page, click Eagle Service – Student Planning.

Step Three: Once directed to the Eagle Service page, click the cap icon “Academics.”

Step Four: Select, “Course Catalog.”

Step Five: Select appropriate term and click search. If you are looking for a specific course, you may also use the search bar in the top right-hand corner, under your username to type the course code such as LGLS-600.
Step Six: Select “View Available Sections” and choose the appropriate section by clicking “Add Section to Schedule” for the course in which you would like to register.
Step Seven: After confirming section details, click “Add Section”

Step Eight: Your courses are now planned so the final step is to Register!

You have two ways to register for courses that you have planned:

- Register for all of the courses in your planned schedule by selecting Register Now on the top right corner of your planning page

OR

- Register for each planned course individually by selecting Register for each planned course
If you successfully registered, you should see the courses appear on the left side of your page.

If the section you planned is already full or has a current waitlist, click on Waitlist to be added. You will be notified via email if a seat opens. To view your position on a waitlist, select the My Waitlisted Sections link under Academics in your myAU portal.
**Dropping a Course**

**Step One:** Log into your [myAU portal](#), using your username and password. Click Sign In.

**Step Two:** Under the Academics tab on the left side of the page, click Eagle Service – Student Planning.

**Step Three:** Once directed to the Eagle Service page, click the cap icon “Academics.”

**Step Four:** Select “Student Planning.”

**Step Five:** Select “Plan & Schedule.”

**Step Six:** View your individual courses and select the “Drop” option to drop a course.
**Viewing Schedule**

**Step One:** Log into your myAU portal, using your username and password. Press enter.

**Step Two:** Under the Academics tab on the left side of the page, click Eagle Service – Student Planning.

**Step Three:** Once directed to the Eagle Service page, click the cap icon “Academics.”

**Step Four:** Select “Student Planning.”

**Step Five:** Select “Plan & Schedule.”

**Step Six:** View your individual courses for each term.
2AU

https://2au.onlinelaw.wcl.american.edu/login

2AU is the digital learning platform used throughout the program. Your student success advisor will send you an automatic link to activate your 2AU account. If you have not already, go to the link above and familiarize yourself with this website. Once you have logged in you can:

- Review your course syllabi
- Access your asynchronous material for each course
- Access your live class session
- Create social groups
- Interact with professors and classmates
- Create study lists
- Download the mobile app

**Downloading the mobile app**

On your mobile device, search for the 2U Mobile Campus App and search for Law@American. You will be able to access your asynchronous homework on the go. *Please note you cannot log into your live sessions via a cell phone, tablet or chromebook.*