

From: PCU Registrar

To: Leonard, Natalie

Cc: PCU Dean

Subject: FW: PCU's Request for Approval of Major Change

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Attachments: [COMPARISON OF PCU QUARTERLY AND SEMESTER CURRICULA.docx](#)

[Proposed Semester Course Schedule.docx](#)

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Dear Ms. Leonard,

It has come to my attention that in support of PCU's pending request for Committee approval to convert from the quarterly to a semester course schedule, early and superseded drafts of both the proposed semester schedule and the curricula comparison were inadvertently attached to Dean Dezes' below email of July 28, 2021.

Attached please find the correct curricula comparison and course schedule – which is the schedule pursuant to which we are currently operating. More specifically, please note that the schedule includes only one Academic Support course (as part of the first-year curriculum) for which students receive academic credit. Although an academic-support workshop covering second- and third-year subjects is offered as well, student attendance at meetings of the workshop is purely voluntary and students do not receive academic credit for those sessions.

Should you have any questions regarding the updated attachments, please let me know.

Kind regards,

Natalie Badillo-Casas, J.D.

Registrar

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From: PCU Dean <dean@pculaw.org>

Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 6:09 PM

Cc: PCU Registrar <registrar@pculaw.org>

Subject: PCU's Request for Approval of Major Change

Dear Ms. Leonard:

Pursuant to our telephone conversations and email exchanges concerning this matter, I am attaching the following documents in support of the request of Pacific Coast University, School of Law, for approval of a major change in the form of converting to the semester system from the quarter system:

1. My letter to you of today's date;
2. Comparison of PCU Quarterly and Semester Curricula; and
3. Proposed Semester Course Schedule.

Thank you, as always, for your professional courtesy and consideration.

Best regards,

Basil G. Dezes,
Dean and Professor of Law
Pacific Coast University School of Law
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COMPARISON OF PCU QUARTERLY AND SEMESTER CURRICULA

Current PCU Quarterly Curriculum:

First-Year Curriculum

1. Contracts – 12 units
2. Criminal Law – 8 units
3. Fundamentals of Legal Research & Writing – 12 units
4. Torts – 12 units

Second-Year Curriculum

1. Business Associations – 8 units
2. Civil Procedure – 12 units
3. Civil Procedure Practicum – 4 units
4. Evidence – 8 units
5. Alternate Dispute Resolution – 4 units

Third-Year Curriculum

1. Community Property – 4 units
2. Constitutional Law – 12 units
3. Real Property – 12 units
4. Wills and Trusts – 8 units

Fourth-Year Curriculum

1. Pleading and Practice – 4 units
2. Professional Responsibility – 4 units
3. Professional Writing – 4 units
4. Trial Techniques and Advocacy – 4 units
5. Remedies – 4 units
6. Criminal Procedure – 8 units

Proposed PCU Semester Curriculum:

First-Year Curriculum

1. Contracts I - 3.5 units
2. Contracts II – 3.5 units
3. Torts I – 3.5 units
4. Torts II – 3.5 units
5. Criminal Law – 3.5 units
6. Fundamentals of Legal Research & Writing – 3.5 units
7. 1L Academic Support Lab – 3.5 units

Second-Year Curriculum

1. Business Associations – 3.5 units
2. Civil Procedure I – 3.5 units
3. Civil Procedure II – 3.5 units
4. Civil Procedure Practicum – 3.5 units
5. Evidence I – 3.5 units
6. Evidence II – 3.5 units

Third-Year Curriculum

1. Professional Responsibility – 3.5 units
2. Constitutional Law I – 3.5 units
3. Constitutional Law II – 3.5 units
4. Real Property I – 3.5 units
5. Real Property II – 3.5 units
6. Wills and Trusts – 3.5 units

Fourth-Year Curriculum

1. Pleading and Practice – 3.5 units
2. Community Property – 3.5 units
3. Legal Writing – 3.5 units
4. Trial Techniques and Advocacy – 3.5 units
5. Remedies – 3.5 units
6. Criminal Procedure – 3.5 units

PROPOSED SEMESTER COURSE SCHEDULE

Fall 2021

August 23, 2021 – December 17, 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First Year	Torts I Professor Kasamatsu 6:30-10:00 PM	Academic Support Lab 1L Professors 6:30-10:00 PM	Contracts I Professor Lee 6:30-10:00 PM		Criminal Law Professor Olszewski 6:30-10:00 PM
Second Year	Professional Responsibility Professor Eisen 6:30-10:00 PM		Real Property I Professor Logan 6:30-10:00 PM		Constitutional Law I Professor Rosas 6:30-10:00 PM
Third Year	Professional Responsibility Professor Eisen 6:30-10:00 PM		Real Property I Professor Logan 6:30-10:00 PM		Constitutional Law I Professor Rosas 6:30-10:00 PM
Fourth Year	Criminal Procedure Professor Velez 6:30-10:00 PM		Professional Responsibility Professor Eisen 6:30-10:00 PM		Pleading & Practice Professor Lakhman 6:30-10:00 PM

Spring 2022
January 3, 2022 – May 6, 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First Year	Torts II Professor Kasamatsu 6:30-10:00 PM		Contracts II Professor Lee 6:30-10:00 PM		Legal Research & Writing Professor TBA 6:30-10:00 PM
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Second Year	Wills and Trusts Professor Padilla 6:30-10:00 PM		Real Property II Professor Logan 6:30-10:00 PM		Constitutional Law II Professor Rosas 6:30-10:00 PM
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Third Year	Wills and Trusts Professor Padilla 6:30-10:00 PM		Real Property II Professor Logan 6:30-10:00 PM		Constitutional Law II Professor Rosas 6:30-10:00 PM
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fourth Year	Legal Writing Professor Eisen 6:30-10:00 PM		Remedies Professor Rosas 6:30-10:00 PM		Trial Techniques Professor TBA 6:30-10:00 PM

PACIFIC COAST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW 2021-2022 1L ACADEMIC SUPPORT SYLLABUS

Academic Support Lab Fall 2021 Overview

All first year students at Pacific Coast University are provided with academic support resources. This support includes course-specific content and applied legal skills workshops, as well as learning strategies to supplement the substantive courses.

This is a pass/fail course to be conducted in a team-teaching format. Each class will consist of two (2) ninety (90) minute sessions taught by two (2) different professors each evening, as indicated by the class calendar included at the end of this syllabus.

Instructors: Professor Lee, Professor Olszewski, and Professor Kasamatsu

Professors' Email Address:

Class Meetings: Tuesday Evenings, 6:30 pm -10:00 pm

Office Hours: By appointment only. Please request an appointment time via email.

Student Learning Objectives

The goals and objectives include but are not limited to assisting each student to:

1. Develop and reinforce effective study habits and coursework skills
2. Understand the importance of targeted study techniques and designing a study plan
3. Strengthen basic competencies in legal reading and writing skills
4. Learn how to apply the law and facts to develop critical thinking and problem solving
5. Learn how to advocate a client's position and reason effectively to achieve that goal
6. Improve performance skills by learning to use the IRAC technique and testing strategies
7. Achieve academic success in each of the substantive classes

Class Content and Participation

This class is an interactive support course, and it combines the substantive law with applied analytical reasoning and performance techniques to develop a proficiency in the basic legal skills necessary to succeed in law school.

Students will learn to identify legal and factual issues, and apply the relevant rules of law, analyze the issues in order to reach a reasoned conclusion supported by the law and the facts.

The specific content and scope of each class will be determined by your professor and will vary throughout the semester to reflect the demands and increased depth of the coursework.

Every student is expected to actively participate in the class discussion if called upon. Your contributions to the discussion, especially in the analysis of the problems, will be your best chance to learn the material, raise relevant questions and clarify your understanding.

Attendance Policy

The Law School's Academic Regulations require "regular and punctual attendance." Only 3 absences are allowed during each semester of this class. Any additional absences may result in administrative withdrawal from the course. Students that arrive more than 15 minutes late for class are "tardy". However, students that leave class early will be marked absent from that class meeting.

Please note that I am not authorized to "excuse" an absence for any reason.

Recording of Class Sessions

ANY FORM OF RECORDING A SESSION OF THIS CLASS IS NOT PERMITTED UNLESS IT HAS BEEN SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY THE PROFESSOR.. Any covert recording may be considered a violation of the student honor code and could result in dismissal. If you have a specific need regarding a particular class, please contact your professor in advance to discuss the issue.

Essay and Multistate Questions & Additional Assignments

The coursework during the semester may include academic assessments through essay and multiple choice questions. The goal is to measure your knowledge of the subjects in depth in order to provide a realistic benchmark of your progress and abilities.

At present this course does NOT include a midterm or a final examination.

Any additional assignments are discretionary and your professor may or may not include them in the curriculum for that particular subject.

Errata and corrigendum

Although every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this document, it is always possible that it may contain some errors. If any student notices any inconsistency, or omission or duplication of information, please inform us of the problem, and we will correct it promptly.

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS: NONE

Suggested supplemental material: To be determined by specific professor

ACADEMIC SUPPORT LAB CLASS SCHEDULE

August 24 2021

Professor Lee 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Professor Kasamatsu 8:30-10:00 p.m.

August 31 2021

Professor Olszewski 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Professor Kasamatsu 8:30-10:00 p.m.

September 7 2021

Professor Lee 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Professor Olszewski 8:30-10:00 p.m.

September 14

Professor Lee 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Professor Kasamatsu 8:30-10:00 p.m.

September 21

Professor Olszewski 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Professor Kasamatsu 8:30-10:00 p.m.

September 28

Professor Lee 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Professor Olszewski 8:30-10:00 p.m.

October 5

Professor Lee 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Professor Kasamatsu 8:30-10:00 p.m.

October 12

Professor Olszewski 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Professor Kasamatsu 8:30-10:00 p.m.

October 19

Professor Lee 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Katie Olszewski 8:30-10:00 p.m.

October 26

Professor Lee 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Professor Kasamatsu 8:30-10:00 p.m.

November 2 2021

Professor Olszewski 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Professor Kasamatsu 8:30-10:00 p.m.

November 9

Professor Lee 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Professor Olszewski 8:30-10:00 p.m.

November 16 2021

Professor Lee 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Professor Kasamatsu 8:30-10:00 p.m.

November 23 2021

NO CLASS

November 30 2021

Professor Olszewski 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Professor Kasamatsu 8:30-10:00 p.m.

December 7 2021

Professor Lee 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Professor Olszewski 8:30-10:00 p.m.