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The School of Law

THE SCHOOL OF LAW

The School of Law is a distinct school within the University and, subject to the general regulations governing the various schools, makes and administers its own laws with reference to admission and graduation. The faculty is composed of the duly elected members of the instructing staff and meets in regular session on the first Monday of each month during the scholastic year.

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History

The School of Law was established by the Board of Trustees on February 10, 1925, and was opened September 15, 1925. It occupies rooms in Dallas Hall. During the first year only first-year subjects were offered; during the second year the first and second-year subjects were offered; during the current year, 1927-28, the full three-year course is being given, and the first class will be graduated in June, 1928.

Library

The Law Library now contains about 8,000 carefully selected books, which are housed in its own library rooms. The Law Library is open to all students from 8:00 A. M. to 10:30 P. M. every day except Sunday. It is being constantly added to by purchase and by gifts from friends of the school. Students also have

*Absent on leave, 1928-29.

access to the general library of the University, and to the library of the Court of Civil Appeals which is located in the Dallas County Court House.

Character of Instruction

The manner of instruction is the case system. The study, analysis, and discussion of judicial decisions give an effective knowledge of legal principle and develop the power of independent legal reasoning.

Instruction is offered in all branches of the common law, in equity, in the statutes of the United States and the American states and proper stress is given to the law of Texas. It is believed that students are best prepared for the practice of the law by instruction in the origin, development and functions of the law, not by instruction merely in the dogmas and the precedents of the law.

In the courses in Pleading, considerable exercises will be given in drafting, and in the courses of Practice, class-room work will be supplemented by office and court-room procedure that will introduce the student to the actual experience of the practicing lawyer.

Regulations and Requirements

The School of Law has its own rules for registration, changing of courses, examinations and reports, grades, continuance in the school, attendance, and graduation. All of these are fully set out in its annual bulletin. With these exceptions all students in the School of Law are subject to the rules and regulations of this catalogue (pp. 52-57, in particular), except that the regulation requiring physical education does not apply to the granting of the law degree.

Admission to the School of Law is under the control of the Dean of the School of Law. Correspondence relative to entrance and transfer credits should therefore be addressed to him.

Regular Students

An applicant for admission as a regular student in the School of Law must be at least nineteen years of age, and must present evidence that he is of good moral character; that he has passed the

medical examination; that he has fulfilled the general entrance requirements of the University; and that he has satisfactorily completed 60 semester-hours, exclusive of physical training, in the College of Arts and Sciences, or the equivalent in another approved institution.

While no particular courses are required as prerequisite to entering the School of Law, students preparing for the study of the law are urged to take at least one course in each of the following subjects: English, History, Economics, and Government.

Special Students

A person twenty-three years of age not meeting the foregoing scholarship requirements may be admitted as a special student, if he satisfies the Dean of the School of Law that he is of good moral character, that he possesses sufficient capacity, training, experience, and industry to enable him to profit by the instruction offered, and that he will not be a hindrance to the school. Such a person cannot receive credit for work done nor be a candidate for a degree. If such student proves unsatisfactory, he will be dropped from the school. The Association of American Law Schools provides in its articles of association that the number of special students "admitted each year shall not exceed ten per cent of the average number of students first entering the school during each of the two preceding years." The school applies this rule.

Advanced Standing

Applicants who are qualified to enter the School of Law as candidates for a degree, and who have satisfactorily completed one or more years of resident work in a law school of approved standing, having a three-year course, will be given equivalent rank in this school upon presenting properly authenticated certificates of such work, together with a certificate of good moral character. The right is reserved to give credit only on examination and to withdraw credit given if the student's work in this school is unsatisfactory. All persons who intend to apply for advanced standing under the above rule should forward or present their credentials to the Dean at least two weeks before the opening of the particular session which the student desires to attend.

Registration

All students must matriculate in person at the office of the Dean. For dates of matriculation see pages 8-9 of this catalogue. Classes meet September 4. The classes meet in the second semester on February 5, 1929. Matriculation for the second semester is on February 4, 1929. A fee of \$2.00 is charged for late matriculation. An additional fee of \$2.00 is charged for late payment of dues.

The prospective student must present (1) evidence of good character, (2) certificate of physical examination (see pages 9 and 58 of this catalogue), (3) official statement containing a full record of previous college work, including the credits granted on entrance, with an honorable discharge from such college or, if the holder of a degree, a certificate to that effect.

Graduation

The degree of Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) will be conferred upon candidates therefor who have credit for 76 semester-hours distributed over a period equal to three years, who are of good moral character, and who have complied with the following conditions:

1. Residence in this school at least one year next preceding the granting of the degree, with credit for 24 semester-hours.
2. The work done during the last year must not have been counted toward a law degree elsewhere.
3. Not more than 9 semester-hours with a grade of D in each year may be counted toward a law degree.

The candidates having the highest grades, not to exceed in number ten per cent of the graduating class, may, by a vote of the Law faculty, be awarded the degree *cum laude*. No one shall be eligible for this honor who shall have taken elsewhere more than one-third of the work offered for his degree. The average shall be based on work done in this school only; but to receive the degree *cum laude* a transfer student must have made at least a B average in law courses in the school previously attended.

The law degree will not be conferred upon anyone markedly deficient in English, nor upon anyone who has not completed all the work in the first year, which is prescribed.

Combination Curriculum for A.B. and LL.B. Degrees

The student may obtain the A.B. degree and the LL.B. degree in six years instead of seven. For details see page 78.

Admission to the Bar

Under the statutes of the State of Texas and the rules and regulations adopted by the Supreme Court, graduates of this school are admitted, without examination, to practice law in all the courts of Texas.

Tuition and Deposits

Tuition, per semester.....	\$111.50
(This includes student activity fee of \$12.00)	
Library fee, per semester.....	5.00
Library deposit, returnable less deductions for damages and fines	5.00

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

First Year

- AGENCY. Three hours a week, second semester. Mechem Cases on Agency, second edition. (Mr. Potts)
- CONTRACTS. Three hours a week, both semesters. Williston, Cases on Contract, second edition. (Mr. Harding)
- CRIMINAL LAW. Two hours a week, both semesters. Mikell's Cases on Criminal Law, second edition; Potts, Cases on Criminal Procedure, second edition. (Mr. Potts)
- PLEADING. Four hours a week, first semester, Cook & Hinton, Cases on Common Law Pleading. Morgan, The Study of Law. (Mr. Rhea)
- PROPERTY I. Two hours a week, first semester; three hours a week, second semester. Bigelow Cases on Personal Property, and Bigelow, Cases on Rights in Land. (Mr. Potts, first semester; Mr. Rhea, second semester)
- TORTS. Three hours a week, both semesters. Bohlen's Cases on Torts, second edition. (Mr. Holland)

Second Year

- CIVIL PROCEDURE. Three hours a week, both semesters. Green, Cases on Civil Procedure in Trial Courts. (Mr. Price)
- EQUITY. Three hours a week, both semesters. Cook, Cases on Equity, one volume edition. (Mr. Holland)
- PROPERTY II. Three hours a week, first semester; two hours a week, second semester. Warren, Cases on Conveyances. (Mr. Rhea)
- SALES. Three hours a week, first semester. Williston, Cases on Sales, third edition. (Mr. Holland)
- TRUSTS. Three hours a week, second semester. Scott, Cases on Trusts. (Mr. Holland)

Third Year

- APPELLATE PROCEDURE. One hour a week, both semesters. Green, Cases on Civil Procedure in Texas Appellate Courts. (Mr. Price)
- CONSTITUTIONAL LAW. Two hours a week, both semesters. Hall's Cases on Constitutional Law. (Mr. Potts)
- EVIDENCE. Two hours a week, both semesters. Thayer, Cases on Evidence at the Common Law, Revised Edition. (Mr. Harding)
- MORTGAGES. Three hours a week, second semester. Campbell, Cases on Mortgages. (Mr. Rhea)
- PRIVATE CORPORATIONS. Two hours a week, both semesters. Richards, Cases on Private Corporations, second edition. (Mr. Harding)
- PROPERTY III. Three hours a week, first semester. Kales, Cases on Future Interests, American Case Book Series. (Mr. Rhea)