SPRING-SUMMER 2021 COURSE ENROLLMENT
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When will I be able to submit my registration request form to enroll in Spring/Summer 2021 courses?
A: In the coming weeks, the Common Law Student Centre will send you an electronic form by email to fill out and submit before the deadline to request enrollment, which is Monday, March 22, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

Q: What is the deadline to submit a DRP form?
A: The deadline to submit a DRP form is June 7, 2021.

Q: What is the deadline to submit an SPI proposal?
A: The deadline to apply to Summer 2021 SPIs is June 7, 2021. The deadline for students in the PDC program to apply for SPIs is April 16, 2021. For students wishing to begin an SPI prior to June 7, 2021 applications must be submitted a minimum of 5 business days before the SPI is due to begin. Refer to the Information on Student Proposed Internships for detailed deadline information.

Q: Is there a maximum number of credits I can take this summer?
A: Yes, you are permitted to take a maximum of 6 credits, which includes all opportunities for academic credit, including SPIs (student-proposed internships), DRPs (directed research projects), and summer courses. Within those options, you can mix and match, however spaces are limited. The Faculty cannot guarantee enrollment in summer courses.

Please note, students are permitted to enroll in a maximum of two DRPs and two SPIs over the course of their JD program. In exceptional circumstances, the Assistant Dean, JD program, may grant extraordinary permission to enroll in an additional DRP.

Q: When will I know if I have gotten into my requested course(s)?
A: If you have secured a spot in a course, you will receive an email from the Common Law Student Centre during the week of March 29, 2021 with registration instructions.

Q: Once I submit the form for course selection, can I submit a new form if I change my mind and decide to add another class before the deadline?
A: No. You will only be able to submit the registration form once. The only modification that will be permitted is to drop a class, please email the Common Law Student Centre at clawcad@uOttawa.ca.

Q: When can we expect the syllabi for these courses?
A: We will ask professors to circulate their syllabi as soon as possible. Some syllabi may only be available closer to the beginning of classes.

Q: If I register for a summer course, but my circumstances change, can I drop the course?
A: Yes. Please email the Common Law Student Centre if you want to drop a class. We would ask you to do this as soon as you make a decision, so that we can free up spots for other students. The deadline to drop summer courses is Monday, May 24 at 9:00 AM. The deadline to drop CML 2741 E is May 17 at 9:00 AM.
Q: I am registered in a combined program. Am I eligible to register for summer courses offered by the Common Law Section?
A: This depends on your course sequence and whether you are currently enrolled in the JD portion of your curriculum. If you will be joining or continuing with the JD program during the academic year 2021-2022, you can register for summer courses and apply the credits assigned to Fall 2020 and/or Winter 2021.

Q: Will the compassionate grading scheme apply to Spring/Summer grades?
A: The compassionate grading policy applicable to the Fall 2020 and Winter 2021 terms was authorized by an exceptional resolution of University Senate in December 2020 in response to the continued disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The grading regulations in place for the 2021-2022 academic year will be in effect for any courses applied to the Fall 2021 and/or Winter 2022 terms.

Q: I am interested in taking one course and completing one directed research project (DRP) over the summer. For the modification form associated with the DRP, should I add both the course and the DRP on the same form? In other words, all six credits on one form.
A: No, you can submit the online form for the “regular” summer course. You would then use the DRP form and modification form to register for your directed research project.

Q: How can I go about organizing a directed research project (DRP) with a professor or external supervisor?
A: You can find information on completing a directed research project [here](#). Please keep in mind that JD students may complete a maximum of two DRPs over the course of their studies.

Q: I am interested in pursuing a directed research project (DRP), but I do not have a specific topic yet. Can I approach a professor and ask for ideas?
A: Yes, you can definitely approach a professor, even if you only have a broad theme that interests you. For instance, you could say, “I am interested in criminal law, especially issues related to sentencing.” Many professors will be open to helping you narrow in on a specific topic for your project.

Q: How should I approach a professor or external supervisor about doing a directed research project?
A: A clear and professional email is sufficient. If you do not already have a relationship with the professor or external supervisor in question, you might want to include your CV or some information about your background.