Essentials for Every Semester

- Meet with your major advisor and consult Advisors in SSC 220 as needed for course selection strategies. Take courses in the proper sequence.
- Meet deadlines to register, pay fees, and apply for financial aid.
- Check your DPR. Are you on-track to meet requirements?
- Complete a sufficient number of units each term (35–46 units) to graduate in four years. Some programs require more.
- Check your Student Center prior to registration for registration holds and updating your personal info.
- Check your Student Center in the first two weeks of classes to confirm your class schedule and that all adds and drops have been processed as you expected.
- Check your Student Center after each semester for grades and academic standing. If your GPA drops below a 2.0, consult an Advisor.

Get Good Advice

- Visit each of your instructors during their office hours. Make a point to get to know your professors and meet with your Legal Studies Advisor at least once a semester.
- Obtain your Major Academic Plan (MAP). It will enable you and your advisor to plan for each semester.
- If you need preparatory math and/or English courses, complete them in your first year.
- Consider running for a leadership position in a student organization.
- Meet alumni for insights on legal careers.
- Confirm that you are officially declared as a Legal Studies major. See the Legal Studies advisor to get enrolled in the paralegal certificate program.
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- Read the Book in Common (BIC) and participate in BIC activities.
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