

SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS - FALL 2008 SEMESTER

In order to be certified to receive a Juris Doctor degree from Rutgers University School of Law-Newark, all students must complete 84 academic credits plus six (6) semesters of residence credit.

Full-time status is defined as a student who takes 12 or more credits in a semester and who does not work more than 20 hours per week in any week of classes or examinations.

Part-time status is defined as a student who takes from 8 to 11 credits in a semester and/or who works more than 20 hours per week in any week of classes or examinations.

Residence credit is computed for full-time students (students not working more than 20 hours per week) as 1.00 semester for any student who enrolls for 12 credits and successfully completes 9 credits in a semester.

Residence credit is computed for part-time students as follows:

Faculty regulations mandate that part-time students must complete the "required" portion of the law curriculum (29 credits), scheduled at the rate of eight (8) credits per semester for the first three semesters, two credits during the first summer session and three credits for the fourth semester. In addition to enrolling in the remaining required course, a fourth-semester student must also enroll in elective courses; the total credits for required and elective courses in the fourth semester shall be no less than 8 and no more than 11.

If at least 8 credits are successfully completed in a semester, each of the first four semesters will earn a .75 semester of residence credit resulting in 3 full semesters of residence credits for the first two years or four semesters of attendance.

After the first four semesters, part-time students must earn an additional three (3) semesters of residence credit for the total of six required for the J.D. degree.

The residence credit will be computed as follows:

.75 semester of residence credit for any part-time semester in which 8 to 11 credits are successfully completed; .50 semester of residence credit for any summer session in which at least 5 credits are successfully completed. Successful completion of less than 5 credits during a summer session will be prorated (e.g. .20 residence credit for 2 credits, etc.); No residence credit will be granted for any semester in which the student falls below successful completion of 8 credits.

Part-time students may transfer to full-time status; however, in all cases, the student must have the permission of the Dean's Office to do so.

1. Minimum credit load. A part-time student must register for at least eight credits in any semester.
2. Maximum credit load. A part-time student may not register for more than eleven credits in any semester.

Part-time students may not take 5 credits during the summer session until they have completed the required curriculum.

3. Minimum credit loads. A part-time student may not register for fewer than eight(8) credits. Semesters in which fewer than eight credits are successfully completed cannot be used to gain residence credit in any way and the student may not register for less than eight (8) credits unless the student has satisfied the six (6) semester residence credit rule. See Dean Rothman for further information.

4. Independent study. Third and fourth year, part-time students are eligible for independent study, research and teaching assistantships, judicial externships and moot court and mock trial competitions. See registration instructions for further information.

5. Cross registration. After completion of the required curriculum, part-time students are eligible to take law-related interdisciplinary courses at other Rutgers graduate schools or law courses at other law schools when not generally offered here subject to approval by Dean Rothman. See registration instructions for further information.

6. PARKING: Part-time students may park in either of the two Rutgers Parking Decks. They are located on 200 University Avenue and on the corner of Washington and Warren Streets. Parking decals for these lots may be purchased at the Parking Department, Blumenthal Hall, 249 University Avenue, 3rd floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

7. Lotteries. Part-time students are entitled to priority in registration for courses offered at and after 6:00 p.m., but are not immune from lotteries should evening courses still be over-subscribed. Students who declare full-time status are not entitled to registration priority, even if they are intending to attend class mostly after 6:00 p.m.

8. Transfer to full-time status: meeting residency requirements. Transfer to full-time status is encouraged for those students able to do so. Until students have completed the required curriculum, however, they must have permission of the Dean's Office to do so. Each semester's course selection must be approved to ensure that students are not taking courses for which they have not had the underlying course work. They also may not take interdisciplinary courses, seminars, clinics, or independent research. In addition, students are invited to consult with the Dean Rothman about meeting academic and residence credit requirements.

a. Transfer during first year of law studies. Students who wish to transfer to full-time status after their first part-time semester will be required to enroll in the evening section of Criminal Law and Legal Research and Writing I in the Spring semester of their first year and in Legal Research and Writing II during the Summer Session following their first year. They will also enroll in day sections of Constitutional Law and Civil Procedure. During the Fall semester of their second year, they will be required to enroll in Property, in addition to the first year elective course and upperclass elective courses approved by the Dean's Office.

Students who wish to transfer to full-time status after their first part-time term must attend the Summer Session following their first year to complete Legal Research and Writing II (which is the second half of the Legal Research and Writing course). There is no waiver of this requirement.

Students who elect this option are reminded that they must fulfill the residence credit requirement rule in order to graduate and are urged to consult the Dean's Office on how to do so.