WHY PLAN?

- Become Well Rounded: cover subjects about which all lawyers are expected to know something
- Prepare for Subsequent Courses: provide knowledge necessary or helpful for subsequent courses in the curriculum
- Bar Courses: cover topics tested on the Bar Exam
- Specialized Courses: provide a basis for students preparing to practice specific area of law
- And, of course, meet graduation requirements. Plan ahead in case an externship or other opportunity arises!
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 88 Credit Hours to Graduate; 4 year rule
- Maximum 17 credits/semester
  - (8 credits per summer semester)
- Final GPA of 69 or above
- ULWR (Upper level paper)
- Skills Training Requirement
- 20 Hours of Pro Bono Service
UPPER-LEVEL REQUIRED COURSES

- Professional Responsibility (taught most semesters, including most summers)
- Con Law II (taught most semesters, including most summers)
- ULWR (usually not offered in the summer!)
- Skills Training Course (taught most semesters, but summer offerings limited)
Examples of Ungraded Credit: Externships, Co-Curriculars (e.g. Journals, Moot Court, Mock Trial), Directed Independent Study, Graduate classes outside the Law School, half the credits taken as a visitor at another law school, and classes taken pass/fail (S/U).

Of your 88 hours, at least 66 must be graded (72 if your GPA is 72 or below)

Transfer students: ¾ credit hours need to be graded – see your credit evaluation letter.
THE S/U OPTION

- Not available for required courses or ULWR.
- No more than one elected per semester.
- Option is irrevocable.
- Option must be made by the end of the fourth week (fall/spring) or second week (summer).
- Must receive a 69 or better to receive an S; students earning a U receive no credit.
You may not satisfy the ULWR requirement with a Directed Independent Study (DIS) in your final semester.

The ULWR must be satisfied with an FSU professor; cannot do it by taking a seminar at another school.
CONSIDER DOING A GRAD CHECK

- The Registrar’s office can do a “grad check” for you to confirm or disconfirm your understanding of your progress toward graduation.
- No charge, but may take a few days.
Other Foundational Courses

- Keep an eye on pre-requisites!
- Corporations
- Evidence
- Administrative Law
- Taxation I
- Know that options vary a LOT on this list.
BAR EXAM COURSES

- Multistate
  - First-Year Courses
  - Evidence
  - Criminal Procedure (Police and Adjudication)
  - Sales and Leases (part of Contracts)
  - Land Transfer (part of Property)
Florida (Pretty Representative of Most States)
- Topics in Florida Practice
- Corporations
- Closely Held Business Organizations (Agency & Partnership a.k.a. Unincorporated Business Entities)
- Family Law & FL Dissolution of Marriage
- FL Civil Practice
- FL Criminal Practice I, FL Criminal Practice II
- State Constitutional Law
- Gratuitous Transfers
- Commercial Paper
- Secured Transactions
SPECIALIZED AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Business Practice
- Regulatory Practice (Environmental, Health Law, Land Use etc.)
- Litigation
  - Criminal
  - Civil Trial
- International (Private/Business, Public)
- Real Estate
- Intellectual Property/Entertainment Law
- Family Law
BE SURE TO DIVERSIFY!

- Want to do Environmental Law? Take some basic business courses anyway.
- Going into Business Law? Administrative Law is still a good idea.
- Planning to work in a small town? Train to be a generalist. (Family Law, Gratuitous Transfers, etc.)
QUESTIONS?