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Please consult the [Academic Rules](#) and [Course Descriptions](#) for more detailed information concerning all aspects of degree requirements and curriculum provisions.

Requirements for Graduation

The number of credit hours required for graduation is 89.

A student must take the following Basic Required Courses, typically in the first year:

- Civil Procedure I
- Constitutional Law I
- Contracts I and II
- Criminal Law
- Lawyering Skills I and II
- Property I and II

- Torts

In addition to the Basic Required Courses, only the following upper-level courses are required for graduation:

- Civil Procedure II
- Constitutional Law II
- Evidence
- Legal Ethics
- Professional Skills Requirement
- Upper Level Writing Requirement

Students may then select from a broad range of electives, including substantive law courses, legal clinics, and flex courses (one- or two-credit classes that meet on breaks or weekends and feature practitioners and academics who teach specialized areas of the law).

Upper Level Writing Requirement

Each student must produce two pieces of writing that involve research under close faculty supervision. No more than one upper level research and writing experience can be taken in any one semester.

The ordinary way for this requirement to be met is a graded one-credit course called Advanced Research and Writing. Each semester every faculty member who is not on leave offers a section of this course. Each section has a limited enrollment, and registration takes place at the same time and in the same way as for other courses.

Other options for one of the research and writing experiences include a paper produced in a two-credit, graded independent study course, a Law Review note, or a seminar paper. The Academic Rule setting forth the upper level writing requirement is [here](#).

Professional Skills & Experiential Learning Requirement

The development of [professional skills](#) is essential to success as a practicing attorney. Toledo Law offers a wide variety of experiential learning courses providing substantial instruction in professional skills, including clinics, externships, simulations, and legal drafting courses.

Students entering before Fall 2014 must take at least one professional skills course in order to graduate. Students entering in or after Fall 2014 must take at least six credits of experiential courses, of which at least four credits must be in clinic or externship courses.