

U of A-Ho Chi Minh City Law University

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Student Handbook

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Program Progression and Graduation Requirements for the

Bachelor of Arts in Law at U of A – HCMULaw

Welcome to the U of A-HCMULaw Cooperative Program! We are thrilled to have you join us as you pursue your dual degree in Law. Students in the dual degree program will receive a Bachelor of Arts in Law from the University of Arizona (U of A) and a Bachelor of Law (LLB) from Ho Chi Minh University of Law (HCMULaw), providing unique opportunities for pursuing graduate school or exciting career goals. The U of A James E. Rogers College of Law is recognized as a high-quality law school in the U.S. Our faculty are outstanding instructors who care deeply about sharing knowledge with their students. They look forward to getting to know each of you as you move through the program.

This guide provides some useful information about degree progression and graduation requirements for the U of A B.A. in Law portion of the program. Students should consult with advisors at HCMULaw, about the HCMULaw degree portion of the program.

Structure of the Program

The first three years of your program primarily focus on HCMULaw coursework and intensive English study with the British University of Vietnam (BUV), but you will take a few U of A law-related courses online. In the last year, you will study at the University of Arizona's Main Campus in Tucson and take solely U of A coursework. A portion of your U of A classes will count toward your HCMULaw degree, and a portion of your HCMULaw and BUV classes will count toward your U of A degree. You will need to take all of the HCMULaw and BUV classes in the Cooperative Program's articulation plan **and earn the U of A equivalent of a grade of C or higher in each HCMULaw and BUV class** to earn U of A credit for your U of A degree.

It is highly recommended that you reach out to your location manager and U of A academic advisor regarding any changes to your schedule of classes. Please note that the date for adding or withdrawing from a class without penalty depends upon the specific course. Please use this [link](#) to verify the drop/add dates for your courses. You will need to select certain information from the dropdown menus to obtain the correct dates. For example, if you want to verify dates for your Fall 2026 LAW 401-501 course, you will do the following:

- For "Calendar," choose "Non-Standard Class Dates."
- For "Term," choose "Fall 2026."
- For "Career," choose "Undergraduate."
- For "Subject," choose "LAW."



- For “Course,” choose the correct course number (i.e., “401”).
- For “Section,” choose the correct course section (i.e., “501”).

Add/ Drop: To review the drop/add policies, please use this [link](#).

Progression Requirements

All U of A-HCMULaw Cooperative program students begin their U of A studies as non-degree seeking students. After the end of your fourth semester of study, you will be reviewed for degree-seeking status. This is a **very** important step. If you do not become a degree-seeking student by this time, you will be behind in your coursework and will likely have to extend your studies by one or more semesters and pay the corresponding tuition.

To progress in the Cooperative program to become a U of A degree-seeking student, you will need to meet two criteria:

1. Achieve a 2.0 grade point average in all coursework: HCMULaw, BUVA and U of A courses combined
2. Demonstrate English proficiency

To demonstrate **English proficiency** for the **B.A. in Law program**, you need to fulfill **ONE** of the following:

1. Earn **at least a C** grade equivalent in the equivalents of U of A’s English 107 and English 108 courses.
 - a. You will take the equivalents of these courses at BUVA (AE2: Academic English 2 and AE3: Academic English 3).
 - b. To earn a C grade equivalent, you will need to earn at least a 40% in both courses.
2. If you do not earn a C grade equivalent in both courses, you will need to provide alternative proof of English proficiency. You can do so through any of the following methods:
 - [CEPT Exam](#) score of 110
 - TOEFL score of 79
 - IELTS score of 6.5
 - Duolingo score of 110
 - Other options are available at: <https://everywhere.arizona.edu/english-proficiency>

Math Requirement

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Students pursuing the University of Arizona BA in Law degree are required to complete MATH 112: College Algebra.

1. **Course Timing:** Students will enroll in MATH 112 during their fourth year at the University of Arizona Main Campus, or online in approved circumstances.
2. **Placement Score Requirement:** To qualify for enrollment in MATH 112, students must complete the PPL Math Placement Exam prior to their fourth year and earn a minimum score of **40**.
 - a. PPL scores are valid for two (2) years from the date of testing.
 - b. If a student does not achieve the minimum required score on the PPL exam, they must complete MATH 100 as a prerequisite before enrolling in MATH 112. Completion of MATH 100 may extend the student's anticipated graduation timeline.
2. **Exam Cost:** Each attempt at the PPL Math Placement Exam costs \$26. Students are responsible for paying the exam fee prior to each attempt.
3. **Testing Modality:** Students may complete the PPL exam either:
 - a. In an in-person proctored testing environment, or In an online proctored testing environment.
 - b. Students flagged for testing integrity violations will be required to pay the fee for any additional exam attempts.
4. **Testing Timeline:** Students must complete the PPL Math Placement Exam no later than their sixth (6th) semester to ensure eligibility to enroll in MATH 112 during their seventh (7th) semester.
5. **Resources:** Learn more about the PPL test and how to prepare here:
<https://www.math.arizona.edu/academics/placement/exams>.

Graduation Requirements

Whether at HCMULaw in the U of A-HCMULaw cooperative program, at U of A's Main Campus in Tucson, Arizona, or at another global microcampus, all students must meet the same requirements to graduate with a B.A. in Law from the University of Arizona. These requirements are listed below.

1. **Writing Requirement:** All students must pass (40% or higher) the English Composition Courses offered through BUV:
 - Academic English 2 (AE2) - Equivalent to ENGL 107
 - Academic English 3 (AE3) - Equivalent to ENGL 108



2. In addition, **students must demonstrate mastery of English writing in one of the following ways:**

Option 1:

- Earn a B or better in Academic English 3 (AE3) - Equivalent to ENGL 108

AND

- Earn a B in at least one of the following writing intensive Law courses offered for U of A-HCMULaw students: LAW 402A, LAW 402B, or LAW 407. **(Please note that all three of these courses are required for the program.)**

Option 2:

- Students receiving a “C” or “D” in Academic English 3 (AE3) - Equivalent to ENGL 108 - must complete two POL or LAW writing emphasis courses and earn a “B” or better in one and a “C” or better in the other. Writing emphasis courses taught as part of the cooperative agreement are: Law 402A, Law 402B, or Law 407. **(Please note that all three of these courses are required for the program.** Students needing to use Option 2 must earn at least a B in one course and at least a C in the other course.)
3. **Math Requirement:** Students will take MATH 112: College Algebra in their fourth year at the U of A Main Campus (or online in specific circumstances). Note: A PPL placement exam of 40 is required to enroll in MATH 112.
4. **Students must have at least an overall cumulative GPA of 2.0 in their U of A courses.** This GPA calculates all U of A classes taken except for HED 102A/B. Students can check their U of A GPA at any time by logging into the Student Center on UAccess. (<https://www.uaccess.arizona.edu>).
5. **Students must have at least an overall Major GPA of a 2.0 in their U of A Law Courses.** This GPA calculates only the U of A courses with the LAW prefix. Students can check this by accessing their Advisement Report under Advising in their UAccess Student Center.
6. **Students must earn at least a C grade equivalent** in any HCMULaw and BUVA course that will be used as credit toward their U of A degree. U of A will **not** accept HCMULaw courses in which a student has earned less than a “5.5” or “2” grade, nor will U of A accept BUVA courses in which a student has earned less than a “40%” grade. Please refer to the U of A-HCMULaw study plan for a list of the HCMULaw courses that are



used as credit for the U of A degree, as well as all U of A General Education Requirements, which are also required for the U of A degree.

Important Note: Students should **not** complete the U of A graduation application through UAccess Student Center, even if they receive an email from the U of A Registrar's Office asking them to do so. This is because filling out the application will require you to pay candidacy fees. Arizona International covers these fees, so we ask that you do not fill out this application. Arizona International will send you a similar graduation survey via Qualtrics that you must fill out to review the important degree conferral and graduation policies and procedures.

For more information regarding graduation and degree conferral, including timelines, how to apply for graduation, events in Tucson, letters of invitation, ordering transcripts and diplomas, offboarding, etc., please visit the Microcampus Student Services website at <https://international.arizona.edu/microcampus/undergraduate-graduation>.

About the Major

This section reviews a summary of only the major. This is *not inclusive of all the degree requirements*. Students will need to speak with the U of A Academic Advisor so they can review the full program and the Academic Advisement Report that is for degree requirements.

Students should meet with their HCMULaw advisor to go over the specifics of the HCMULaw Program. Because of the U of A-HCMULaw Agreement, several HCMULaw courses will fulfill parts of the Law Major. This section will indicate what HCMULaw courses will be used for which U of A LAW courses. As reminder, students must earn a C grade or higher ("5.5" or "2") in their HCMULaw courses for the HCMULaw course to transfer back and count towards the U of A degree.

The program is designed to give student critical skills that are marketable across many professions. Students who excel in this program and earn a minimum 3.3 U of A Cumulative GPA and a 3.0 HCMULaw cumulative GPA, will earn **automatic** admission to U of A's [Master of Laws \(LLM\) Program](#).

The Major consists of 39 units and an 18-unit [Thematic minor](#). A minor is required for the major and the agreement between U of A and HCMULaw was to use a Thematic minor. Students may not declare a different minor to fulfill this requirement.

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An Overview of the Major (39 Units)

School of Global and Public Policy (SGPP) Courses (12 Units):

- This course will be taught by U of A. No courses from HCMULaw will substitute towards this requirement:
 - POL 201 – American National Government
 - This course is a general survey of the constitutional bases, organization, and functioning of the American national government; recent and current trends.

For Foreign (i.e. Non-Vietnamese) Students Only: You will need to complete one additional SGPP Course during your final year at the U of Main campus:

- POL 202 – Introduction to International Relations,
 - POL 203 – Political Ideas,
 - POL 204 – Comparative Politics in the Age of Globalization,
 - POL 206 – Public Policy and Administration OR
 - POL 209 – Diversity and Politics in a Changing World
- This section of the major will be fulfilled with courses from HCMULaw. The following courses from HCMULaw will be used:

Vietnamese Nationals Only:

- LKV005 Ho Chi Minh's Ideology
- LKV002 Marxist-Leninist Political Economy
- LKV021 Theory of State and Law
- LKV040 Comparative Law

Foreign Students Only:

- LKV021 Theory of State and Law
- LKV040 Comparative Law

Law Core Courses (12 units):

- These courses will be taught by U of A. No courses from HCMULaw will substitute towards these requirements:
 - LAW 401- Procedure
 - This course explores the legal process and procedures followed in our systems of civil and criminal justice. Topics will include the components of due process, adversarial legalism and the roles of attorneys, judges,



prosecutors, and professional ethics, and the core elements of civil and criminal systems

- LAW 402A The American Common Law System I (*this is a Writing Emphasis Course*)
 - The American Common Law System I is one of two courses which conveys what is distinctive about the common law approach as a legal methodology and as a reflection and commentary on the history and politics of the American experience, from the early colonial period to the 21st century world of globalized commerce, human rights concerns and environmental and social justice. The course examines the history and sources of the common-law, common-law modes of legal rhetoric, argument, and communication skills and transformation and adaptation of the common law achieved through social justice.
- LAW 402B The American Common Law System II (*this is a Writing Emphasis Course*)
 - The American Common Law System II is one of two courses which conveys what is distinctive about the common law approach as a legal methodology and as a reflection and commentary on the history and politics of the American experience, from the early colonial period to the 21st century world of globalized commerce, human rights concerns and environmental and social justice. The course examines the history and sources of the common-law, common-law modes of legal rhetoric, argument, and communication skills and transformation and adaptation of the common law achieved through social justice.
- LAW 404 The American Public Law System
 - Broadly speaking, public law is concerned with the organization of government and the relationship between the government and its citizens. In the United States, the foundation of public law is the Constitution, but that document merely provides a framework, which later legislatures, presidents, and courts have filled in over time. This course introduces students to the law that has emerged from those efforts and the distinctive modes of argument lawyers and judges employ in shaping that law for the future. Subjects covered include the constitutional law of federalism; executive power.

Law courses (9 units)

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- These courses are not a part of the core Law course but are required from U of A. These courses will be taught from U of A:
 - LAW 407 Legal Analysis, Writing and Research (*this is a Writing Emphasis Course*)
 - This course will teach students how to find legal authorities relevant to legal problems; how to analyze a legal issue using facts and law; and how to communicate legal analysis logically and concisely. This course consists of research exercises; writing exercises, including letters and legal memoranda; and more complex research and writing assignments. Students will work in groups and individually to learn the fundamentals of good writing and editing skills.

These courses will be taught from HCMULaw:

- LKV023 Administrative Law
- LKV026 Labor Law

Political Science Electives

- These political science related courses will be fulfilled through course from HCMULaw.
 - LKV037 Public International Law
 - LKV022 Constitutional Law

The Thematic Minor

- The Thematic minor needs to be a total of 18 units, 9 of which must be Upper Division (300 to 499) The minor will be met with a combination of U of A and HCMULaw courses:
 - U of A LAW Elective – Chosen 7th and 8th Semesters
 - U of A LAW Elective – Chosen 7th and 8th Semesters
 - U of A LAW Elective – Chosen 7th and 8th Semesters
 - LKV025 Overview of Civil Law, ownership and inheritance
 - LKV029 Vietnamese Criminal Law
 - LKV038 Private International Law

Course Syllabi

The syllabus is a statement of intent and schedule of topics/activities that serves as an implicit agreement between instructor and students. It will contain class topics, the assignment and exam dates, rules and expectations, grading methods, and instructor contact methods with their office hours.

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Students need to review the syllabus at the beginning of every semester and abide by the policies the professor sets in the syllabus.

U of A Grading System

Additional information about how to calculate the U of A GPA is available online at: <https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/grade-point-average-gpa-calculation-or-averaging-grades>

Students can use the GPA Calculator to calculate their current semester GPA based on estimating final grades. Students can access the [GPA Calculator here](#).

University policy regarding grades and grading systems is available at: <http://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/grades-and-grading-system>

Some of your classes are administered by HCMULaw on the HCMULaw grading system, with credits that are to be applied to the U of A degree. For these classes, the grading conversion will be calculated as follows (see image below):

Post-Secondary Grading Scale				
Former Numeric Scale	Current Scale	Indigenous Descriptor	English Descriptor	Suggested U.S. Equivalence
8.5-10	4 (A)	<i>Xuất sắc/Giỏi</i>	Excellent/Very Good	A
7-8.4	3 (B)	<i>Khá</i>	Good	B
5.5-6.9	2 (C)	<i>Trung bình</i>	Average	C
4-5.4	1 (D)	<i>Yếu</i>	Weak	D
0-3.9	0 (F)	<i>Kém</i>	Fail	F

Additionally, a few of your classes are administered by BUV on the BUV grading system, with credits that are to be applied to the U of A degree. For these classes, the grading conversion will be calculated as follows (see image below):





Post-Secondary Education Grading Scale

Indigenous Grade	Indigenous Degree Classification	Suggested U.S. Equivalence
70 — 100%	First Class	A
60 — 69%	Second Class (Upper Division)	B+
50 — 59%	Second Class (Lower Division)	B
40 — 49%	Third Class	C
0 — 39%	Fail	F

U of A Academic Eligibility Policy

At the end of each Fall and Spring semester, academic eligibility will be calculated. These statuses determine ability to enroll into courses at the University. It is important for students to maintain Eligible Standing.

There are 5 standings:

- (1) Eligible
 - (a) All students will start their academic career as eligible.
 - (b) Students must maintain a 2.00 or higher cumulative GPA to continue with eligible status
- (2) Academic Review
 - (a) Occurs when a student who has a cumulative GPA of a 2.0 has a semester GPA below a 2.0.
- (3) Academic Warning
 - (a) Occurs when a student who was previously Eligible does not have a 2.0 Cumulative GPA
 - (b) Students can return to Eligible status once their cumulative GPA raises to above a 2.0
- (4) Academic Probation
 - (a) Occurs when a student who was on Academic Warning does not earn a Cumulative GPA at the end of the semester/term.
 - (b) Students can return to Eligible status once their cumulative GPA returns to above a 2.0.
- (5) Ineligible





- (a) Occurs when a student who was on Academic Probation does not earn a 2.0 or higher cumulative GPA at the end of the semester.
- (b) Students with this status will no longer be able to enroll into courses.
- (c) Students can submit an appeal for this status. An appeal will usually explain extenuating circumstances that prevented the student from being successful. If approved, the appeal will give the student one more semester Academic Probation to raise their GPA. Submission of an appeal does not guarantee that the appeal will be approved. If the appeal is not approved, the student's academic status will remain ineligible and the student will be unable to continue on with the Cooperative program. Students are encouraged to speak with an U of A academic advisor to prior to submitting the appeal.

More information about academic eligibility can be found at:

<https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/undergraduate-academic-eligibility-policy>

Students can learn how to look up their academic status [here](#).

Code of Academic Integrity

Integrity and ethical behavior are expected of every student in all academic work. This Academic Integrity principle stands for honesty in all class work and ethical conduct in all labs and clinical assignments. Students shall not violate the Code of Academic Integrity and shall avoid situations likely to compromise academic integrity. Students shall observe the generally applicable provisions of this Code whether or not faculty members establish special rules of academic integrity for particular classes. Students are not excused from complying with this Code because of faculty members' failure to prevent cheating.

Students enrolled in academic credit-bearing courses are subject to this Code. Conduct prohibited by this Code consists of all forms of academic dishonesty, including, but not limited to:

1. Cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, and plagiarism as set out and defined in the Student Code of Conduct, [ABOR Policy 5-308-E.11, and F.1](#)
2. Submitting an item of academic work that has previously been submitted or simultaneously submitted without fair citation of the original work or authorization by the faculty member supervising the work.



3. Violating required disciplinary and professional ethics rules contained or referenced in the student handbooks (hardcopy or online) of undergraduate or graduate programs, or professional colleges.
4. Violating discipline-specific health, safety, or ethical requirements to gain any unfair advantage in lab(s) or clinical assignments.
5. Failing to observe rules of academic integrity established by a faculty member for a particular course.
6. Attempting to commit an act prohibited by this Code. Any attempt to commit an act prohibited by these rules shall be subject to sanctions to the same extent as completed acts.
7. Assisting or attempting to assist another to violate this Code.

Students have the right to a fair consideration of the charges, to see the evidence, and to confidentiality, as allowed by law and fairness to other affected persons.

The full policy on Academic Integrity and the procedures to appeal an Academic Integrity Violation can be found here: <https://deanofstudents.arizona.edu/policies/code-academic-integrity>

Repeating a U of A Course

Starting in Fall 2025, students who retake a U of A course to attempt to increase an unsatisfactory grade should be aware of the new policy which will affect them:

1. New Grade Repeat Policy

- Students can repeat the same course no more than 3 times if they originally received a poor grade (e.g., C, D, or E only) in that course. Note: Withdrawal (W) from a course or a Complete Withdrawal (WC) counts as an attempt.
- Grade replacement is automatic for repeating regular courses with original grades of C, D or E.
- Courses with original grades of A or B may not be repeated.
- Students can repeat a course for the second or third time, which they took prior to Fall 2025 under the old policy and earned the grade of C, D, or E. If they repeat it for the third time, this will be counted as their third and final attempt.
- Students can repeat a course for the third time, for which they had requested a GRO under the old policy and earned the grade of C, D, or E.



- There is no longer a limit to the number of individual courses with C, D, or E grades students can repeat.

2. Undergraduate Grading for Repeated Courses

- Under the new policy, when a student repeats a course, only the highest grade earned in the repeated course will count in the student's grade point average (GPA). For example, a student took HPS 433 and earned an "E" grade. Then the student repeated HPS 433 and earned a "C" grade. The student then repeated HPS 433 for the third time and received a "D". In the final GPA, the highest grade to count in the GPA will be a "C"=2 points.
- GPAs for previous GROs or courses repeated prior to Fall 2025 will not be recalculated.

New Course Repeat Policy can be found at: <https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/courses-credit/grading/course-repeat>

Studying In Tucson

The preferred pathway for completing the final 30 units of the degree is for students to study in person at the University of Arizona Main Campus in Tucson. In limited cases, and only with prior approval from the University of Arizona, students may be permitted to complete some or all of these remaining credits online. If a student is unable to complete the 30 units through U of A—whether in person or online—HCMULaw has designated a specific set of 30 units that the student must complete through HCMULaw in order to satisfy the requirements for the HCMULaw degree.

To come to Main Campus in Tucson, students must complete the following before arriving:

- Maintain a U of A GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Transition to degree seeking status
- Satisfy proof of English proficiency requirements
- Earn a 40 or higher on the [Math Placement Test \(PPL\)](#)

In their 5th semester of the program, Arizona International will start preparing students for their transition to U of A Main Campus. In order to ensure a smooth transition, students must attend all webinars and complete all steps as directed by the established deadlines. Failure to comply may prevent transition to U of A Main Campus and thus jeopardize earning the U of A degree.

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Additionally, it is highly advised that students meet with their HCMULaw advisor prior to coming to U of A Main Campus. Students will not be able to take or complete HCMULaw courses while they are at U of A Main Campus in Tucson, so students must complete all HCMULaw degree requirements before coming to Tucson. If they have not, then they will need to resume those courses once they return to Vietnam from their year in Tucson. This can cause delays in graduation, so if a student needs to complete HCMULaw degree requirements in their final semesters, it may be best for the student to complete the program in Vietnam. The University of Arizona will welcome all students to attend graduation in person regardless of if they study in person on U of A Main Campus or not.

A benefit of this program is that students will receive a tuition discount through Study Arizona. This tuition reduction is only applicable for the first semester the student will be studying in Tucson. After the first semester, the second semester tuition will increase to match current International Student Tuition and Fees. More information on international student tuition rates can be found [here](#). Students should consult with their advisors at HCMULaw regarding any fees HCMULaw will charge while students are studying at the U of A Main Campus in Tucson.

Students can only study at Main Campus during their last two (2) semesters of their program.

Maintaining F-1 Visa Status While in Tucson

There are strict rules for maintaining VISA status when a student studies at U of A Main Campus. The rules are set by the Department of Homeland Security from the U.S. Government. The University of Arizona cannot supersede any of these rules.

From the Department of Homeland Security:

F-1 post-secondary students have a number of requirements they must abide by to remain compliant.

- F-1 undergraduate students at a college or university must take at least 12 credit hours per term.
- F-1 students in postgraduate programs at a college, university, conservatory or seminary must take a full course of study as certified by the institution.
- F-1 students face strict limitations on the ability to work while in the U.S.

For more information, students can visit [Study in the States](#)



[International Student Services](#) at the University of Arizona has a lot of helpful information about Immigration questions and can answer any questions you may have.

Time Limits on Undergraduate Course Work

There is a time limit of eight (8) years for a student to complete their University of Arizona coursework. An undergraduate student following the degree requirements of a major in a given catalog must complete all requirements within the 8-year window that the catalog is available. Students should consult with their HCMULaw advisor if there are time limits for their HCMULaw Degree and coursework. Students must transfer their HCMULaw coursework back to the University of Arizona within the 8 years for the HCMULaw courses to fulfill the U of A degree requirements.

The progression plan will have students completing their studies in four years. Time to graduation can extend if the student does not pass their HCMULaw or BUW coursework with a C grade equivalent or higher, resulting in needing to repeat coursework. If a student elects to defer a semester or take a leave of absence this will also lead to an extension of their studies. Any delays and extensions can result in additional tuition that the student may be responsible for. In addition, students may need to change to the online campus, transfer to another microcampus location that offers LAW courses, or come to Tucson to complete any degree requirements that they have left remaining should their remaining courses not be available at HCMULaw.

The full policy can be found here: <https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/program-graduation/degrees-programs/undergraduate/time-limits>

Enrollment Verification

If students need to show enrollment verification at any time, a verification document can be obtained through UAccess. Instructions on how to obtain this document can be found at: <https://registrar.arizona.edu/records-enrollment/transcripts-verifications/verifications>



Accessibility and Accommodations

At the University of Arizona, we strive to make learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience barriers based on disability or pregnancy, please contact Office of Global Partnerships & Initiatives at intl-gpi@arizona.edu for information on how to work with U of A's Disability Resource Center (DRC) to establish reasonable accommodations.

U of A Policies and Code

University policies and code are available at:

<https://deanofstudents.arizona.edu/policies/policies>

All Undergraduate Academic Policies are available at:

<https://catalog.arizona.edu/>

U of A Helpful Resources

There is an exhaustive list of Success Strategies and Academic Resources available to students and their parents that were sent to students separately. If students need another copy of this document, please have them reach out to their academic advisor.

- [U of A Library](#)
- [Microcampus Student Services](#)
- [International Student Services](#)

FAQS

Does U of A require an internship?

No, U of A does not require an internship.

What can I do if my U of A GPA is below 2.0 and I am in my final year of study?

You need to raise your GPA to at least a 2.0 to graduate with a bachelor's degree from U of A. The best way to raise your grade is to repeat a course in which you originally earned a low grade. You can take a course up to 3 times during your studies to increase your GPA

<https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/courses-credit/grading/course-repeat>



The second way to raise your GPA is to take additional U of A classes, though this takes longer to significantly raise your GPA and additional fees may apply.

Your U of A Academic Advisor can assist you in reviewing your options so you can meet graduation requirements. It is highly recommended that you reach out to your U of A Academic Advisor if you are not meeting the GPA requirement prior to your final semester.

What happens if I can't meet the English proficiency requirement on time?

You have two options if you do not meet the proof of English proficiency requirement by the end of the 4th semester of study. Your first option is to continue to take U of A classes as a non-degree seeking student and move forward with just the HCMULaw LLB degree. If that happens, you will **not** earn a degree from U of A.

Your second option is to meet the English requirement as quickly as possible, using any of the other means [accepted for English proficiency](#). For this option, you should talk with your U of A advisor or the Director of the program.

What is the expiration date of an English exam score?

IELTS, TOEFL, CEPT and DUOLINGO scores remain valid for 2 years from the date of the exam. A student's individual progression plan will indicate if U of A has received a valid exam report.

How likely am I to graduate on time?

If students successfully pass their courses each semester, they can finish the dual degree program in 4 years. However, if students fail classes or withdraw from classes, they will have to extend their studies. Students should contact their U of A Academic Advisor to update their progression plan if they fail or drop courses. Your U of A Academic Advisor can determine your estimated graduation term.





If a student fails a course and needs to repeat it, will they no longer be taking courses with the same students with whom they started the dual degree program?

That is correct. If a student fails a course and has to retake it, but one of their classmates passed the course and moves on to the next course, those two students will no longer be taking courses together. The student who failed the course will be repeating the course with students who started the program more recently.

How many times can a student retake a course, and will they have to pay additional tuition?

Students may attempt the same course at the university no more than 2 times. If they pass the course on their second attempt, they have a Grade Replacement Option. However, the GRO can only be applied to a maximum of 3 courses.

Students are not charged additional tuition for courses they repeat within the first 4 years of their studies. If students need to extend their studies beyond 4 years, they will be charged tuition on a pro-rated basis.

What if I haven't met the Writing Requirement?

You need to meet the writing requirement by re-taking course(s) in which you have grades of a C or lower in order to meet the grade requirement that satisfies the writing requirement. For this option, you should talk to your U of A advisor or the Director of the program.

What if I want to spend more than two semesters studying in Tucson?

If you want to spend more than two (2) semesters studying at the U of A, you may, but you will be forfeiting your HCMULaw degree. Notify U of A and HCMULaw administration if you want to explore this option.

What if I'm confused and have questions about my progress with my U of A B.A. in Law degree?

Contact us! You can reach out to the program location manager, academic advisor, or the global partnerships team at any time. Their contact information is located on the cover page of this handbook. They are here to help you whenever necessary.