Graduation Requirements At-a-Glance  
2022-2023  
*Please see the Quick Reference Guide for more information*

Total credits required to graduate:  
- 87 credits  
- Minimum each semester: 9  
- Maximum each semester: 17

Trial advocacy (2cr) (Must complete this course in the Fall of 2L year)  
- Graded P/F (Honors Pass is also available)  
- Most if not all sections are taught in the evenings by our adjunct faculty

Upper-level writing requirement (ULWR) (2 or more credits)  
- The ULWR refers to a paper that is written as part of an independent study or course of at least two credits, designated as ULWR on BannerWeb  
  - The paper must constitute a major part of the assessment in course  
  - More information about independent studies appears in the Quick Reference Guide  
- The paper must be at least 5,000 words in length, not including citations

Professional Responsibility (Typically offered for 2 credits)  
- Some students choose to enroll in a PR course during their 2L year because the Third-Year Practice Certificate requires that students have taken PR (along with Evidence, Criminal Law, and Civil Procedure). More information about the Third-Year Practice Certificate appears in the Quick Reference Guide.  
- Professional Responsibility is not required for students to sit for the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) but students often try to coordinate their MPRE test date so it occurs contemporaneously or just after they complete the Professional Responsibility course.  
  - More information about the MPRE appears in the Quick Reference Guide (Section O).

Experiential credits (6 experiential credits are required to graduate)  
- Experiential courses include externships, clinics, clinical placements, and simulation courses; BannerWeb designates the latter three course types with the labels LWXC, LWXP, and LWXS, respectively.  
- Note: Students may count no more than 12 total credits from clinics (designated LWXC in Bannerweb) and externships (designated LWXP in Bannerweb) combined in calculating the 87 credits required for graduation.  
  - The only exception is for students who have participated in the D.C. Externship; for these students, the limit is 19, not 12.

Writing in Practice (WIP) (Typically offered for 2 credits)  
- Designated WIP on Bannerweb  
- Students can find a list of WIP courses here:  
  [https://law.richmond.edu/academics/curriculum/index.html](https://law.richmond.edu/academics/curriculum/index.html) (scroll down the page)