



## GW Law Transfer Students Tips 2023-2024

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### I. Academics

#### Tutoring

You can sign up for individual tutoring by sending an email to [dprestwich@law.gwu.edu](mailto:dprestwich@law.gwu.edu). You can request tutors for up to two classes per semester. Please include course names and professors in the email.

#### Outlines

GW Law Student Bar Association offers an outline bank. Also, each journal has its own outline bank if you get accepted.

- In order to access SBA outline bank you will need to be signed in using your GW Law email. : <https://gwlawstudentbarassociation.cmail19.com/t/r-l-trshuo-bldukjhkj-y/>
- You can also ask other students if they know of/have any reliable outlines.

#### Writing Center

Confirm with your professors about using writing centers. Then, you can make a reservation in advance. I believe both GW Law School and GW University writing centers open their slots three weeks in advance.

- GW Law School Writing Center: <https://www.law.gwu.edu/writing-center>
- GW University Writing Center: <https://writingcenter.gwu.edu/>

#### Journals

Full time Fall transfer students will have the opportunity to participate in one of the student-run journals. However, full time spring transfer students will not have the opportunity to participate in one of the student-run journals. Journals require a 4 semester requirement.

Part time spring transfer students may participate in the write on competition taking place later on in the semester. Please pay attention to your email's for more information

Students who wish to join a journal will participate in the write on competition. Students may apply for membership in as many of the nine student-run journals as they wish. It is important to keep to mind that application requirements may differ. Following the competition, only one of the

journals you applied to may offer you membership. It is important to seriously evaluate whether you wish to join, as it is a 4-semester requirement.

If you accept, then you write your note and have a monthly note group meeting during your 2L year. Treating it as a regular class would be the best strategy. Because of this, I recommend not taking your writing requirement class or doing the externship during the semester that you are finalizing your note.

- Law Review does a weekly production assignment, but most other journals do one or two per semester.
- Some journals also have a required course that you have to take in fall or spring of 2L, which can affect your course registration/academic planning, so make sure you check these requirements and (tentative) course schedules in advance.
- If you get published, your note writing process will continue until 3L year. If you don't, you only do production work in 3L year. If you get into the editorial board, you do editorial work and no production assignment.
- A list of journals: <https://www.law.gwu.edu/journals>

Additionally, many students do not make a journal or choose not to be on a journal. You can do your scholarly writing paper in any course that allows you to fulfill your upper level writing requirement. This will usually be noted in the course description in the bulletin.

### **Classes (In General)**

Except for your first semester at GW as a transfer student, there is a lottery system for classes. During your first semester you will register for the courses where there is currently space and then as other upper-level students have access to GWeb during the ADD/DROP period, you will be able to continue to make changes to your own schedule as spaces open up when currently registered students drop and add their own courses. Some classes are waitlist only classes, which are only open to current and rising 3Ls - these are popular classes that have a limit and selection into this class is solely based on the lottery system. Because classes are on the lottery system, you can designate one class to be your "priority" class. This doesn't mean you'll be guaranteed to get that course, but you will have priority in getting that class over someone else who also registered for that class but didn't give it priority. **The general guideline for full time students is to take 13-14 credits a semester, it is possible to take 12 credits but then a semester with 15 will be necessary to catch back up. Meet with a counselor to go over your first semester schedule; they will help ensure you do not overload yourself in your first semester. Counselors will be helpful to garner some additional academic tips tailored to your specific situation as well. When applying for classes, be sure to look at the exam schedules.** No changes or alterations can be made to your exam schedule - which means you have to be sure you don't sign up for classes with the same exam time, and be conscious of how your exams are spaced out throughout the exam week as well. **It is recommended to have at least one day in between exams; taking two exams in the same day or back to back days is not advisable.**

### **Caps and Remaining Slots for Classes**

You can check how many people have signed up for a specific class. Check the number closer to the deadline to use your priority more effectively.

- Go to Banweb (banweb.gwu.edu)
- Click Student Records & Registration
- Click Registration Menu
- Click Search for Sections
- Select the term and select subject Law
- Search the class you are looking for
- Check Enrollment/Waitlist

The number of courses at GW can be a little overwhelming - we suggest creating a general list of courses that you're interested in taking and planning out for the year, because some courses are only offered in the Fall or only offered in the Spring.

### **Course Evaluations**

If you go to MyLaw Portal, you can find course evaluations on the left side. Here, you can view evaluations for professors for all terms. These are extremely helpful when registering for classes, as they show student feedback, as well as advice.

- Course evaluations: <https://my.law.gwu.edu/Evaluations>

### **2023-2024 Records Information**

You can see descriptions for all courses (*Law School Bulletin*) and exam schedules. **You cannot take two classes that have the same exam date and time, so make sure you check the exam schedule.**

- Fall 2023 records information:
  - <https://www.law.gwu.edu/fall-2023-records-information>
- Spring 2024 records information (TBA):
  - <https://www.law.gwu.edu/spring-2024-records-information>

The *Law School Bulletin* has all the information about the school that you could need. It includes information about the requirements to graduate, for example, an upper level writing requirement which can be satisfied by a journal, and a few experiential learning courses. These experiential learning courses can be fulfilled by courses or clinics - there are a lot of different options but make sure you don't forget about them!

### **Exam Policies**

The format of the exam will be determined by your professor. Generally, exams are anonymous and identifiable with your GWID number or Exam ID. Exam style is mentioned in the Law School Bulletin for each class, whether it's a research paper, take home examination, or in-person. If the exam is in-person, the location of the exam room will be posted in the School an hour before the exam itself. As mentioned above, **no changes can be made to the exam schedule.** Professors cannot reschedule exams for individual students under any circumstances, and any concerns should be brought to the Dean of Students Office at deanofstudents@law.gwu.edu.

## **II. Career/Networking**

### **GW Law Student Bar Association**

All students of the Law School are members of the SBA, the Law School's student government. Transfer students are encouraged to participate in SBA elections and to take advantage of the programs and activities that the SBA sponsors throughout the year, including the Mentoring Program; the Halloween Party; the Barrister's Ball; weekly "Bar Reviews"; annual blood, food, and clothing drives; used book sales; as well as several community service projects and activities involving the American Bar Association Law Student Division.

- SBA website: <https://www.law.gwu.edu/student-bar-association>
- The SBA will have a round of staffing in the Fall and transfer students can and should take this opportunity to work in the SBA and meet students as well as faculty.

### **Facebook Group Page for 2023 GW Law Transfer Students**

Join the Facebook group page for 2023 GW Law Transfer Students to talk to current students, and meet your future potential classmates.

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/198370906219239/>

### **Job Search Resources**

You can schedule an appointment with a counselor for job search, document review, mock interview etc.

- Scheduling an appointment: <https://careers.law.gwu.edu/schedule-appointment>
- Career Center: <https://careers.law.gwu.edu/>
- Loyola Patent Interview Programs:  
<https://www.luc.edu/law/currentstudents/careerservices/patentprogram/>

### **Externship During the Semester**

You can do an externship during semesters, but you have to take a one-time co-requisite course. Make sure you check the credit requirement for transfer students. Transfer students are limited with the numbers of credits with (C/NC) or (P/F) options since they are already coming with (C/NC) credits from their previous schools.

- Field Placement: <https://www.law.gwu.edu/field-placement>

### **Clinics**

The earliest you can apply for a clinic is your Spring 2L semester as a transfer student. Many clinics have already had their registration period meaning you may have to wait until next fall to apply. As mentioned above, transfer students have a limited number of C/NC credits, so be sure to plan ahead of time or talk to the Dean of Students to determine your class schedule and eligibility. There are many different clinics you can choose from. Some of these clinics have prerequisites before you can apply though, so be sure to look at the requirements so you can plan ahead.

Clinics are a good way to get immersed in a type of law and get real experience representing clients and being in court. Clinics can range from 2-6 credits per semester.

- <https://www.law.gwu.edu/clinics>

### **Skills Competitions**

GW has a lot of opportunities for moot court, mock trial, and ADR competitions throughout the semesters and have both internal and external opportunities. Many of these are also on a C/NC basis

- <https://www.law.gwu.edu/skills-competitions>
- Check to see which competitions are open to 2Ls and 3Ls because some are limited to 1Ls only.

### **Diversity Opportunities**

Sign up for the Career Center's Diversity Listserv by sending an email to [ccaesar@law.gwu.edu](mailto:ccaesar@law.gwu.edu). Students may also get involved with diversity by participating in clubs and the SBA Student Enrichment Services Branch.

### **Student Organizations**

Student organizations hold a lot of career events and send out career opportunities over their listserv, so sign up for any listserv of your interest.

- A list of student organizations: <https://www.law.gwu.edu/student-organizations>

## **III. Navigating GW**

### **Safety**

- GW Alert: Receiving campus advisory text messages.
  - <https://alert.gwu.edu/>
- 4-ride: Free escort ride service around the campus by GW.
  - <https://transportation.gwu.edu/safe-ride>

### **Study Space**

- Law School (subject to law school operation hours/schedule)
  - Jacob Burns Library (Law School Library)
  - LLC (next to Tonic - 21st & G st)
    - You need GWorld ID to access it.
    - Accessible hours 7:00 - 23:00. Once you are in, you can stay past 23:00.
  - Room reservation:
    - Use your GW Law ID and password to log in to MyLaw.
      - From there click on the space reservation tab on the top.
  - Upper-classmen who are in a journal (or skills board) may utilize their journal office space, which is in LLC.
- Gelman Library (University Library)

- Library open hours: <https://library.gwu.edu/library-hours>
- Location: 2130 H St NW, Washington, DC 20052, USA (across from the University Center, a block and a half from our law school)
- They have iMac, PC, scanners, and printers on the 2nd floor (lobby floor), PC, printers and cubicles on the third floor.
- Study room reservation (use your GW university ID):  
<https://library.gwu.edu/about/facilities/study-room-reservations>
- Most other University buildings are accessible with GWorld ID during the day/evening.

## IV. Housing, Parking, and Transportations

### Housing

- GW off-campus housing: <https://www.gwoffcampus.com/>
- GW Classifieds Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gwlawclassifieds>

### Public Transportation

The George Washington University has joined the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) [U•Pass program](#), providing full-time students with unlimited use of Metrorail and Metrobus for a discounted, flat fee.

- For more information: <https://transportation.gwu.edu/upass>

### Parking

There is campus parking, street parking, meters, and so on. You can apply for a parking permit through GW's student parking page. G Street (LLC building, next to tonic - 20th and 21st) is the campus parking space for only law students.

- GW's student parking page: <https://business-services.gwu.edu/student-parking>

## V. Miscellaneous

### GWID

In the University Student Center, lower level, students fill out a form and get their picture taken for their GWID card. This card allows students to access the different buildings before and after hours, go through certain entrances, enter the library, and be used to pay for parking, provided you separately add money on the card.

**HOW TO GET BETWEEN BUILDINGS**  
 Interior access between buildings is only available on the second, third, and fourth floors. A GWorld card is needed for entry.

