

# Course Catalog Guide

**Purpose:** The Course Catalog Guide aims to help students prepare for their registration window and understand the steps needed to register for classes. It is always recommended that students meet with their academic advisor before the registration period.

## **Using the Online Course Catalog and Feature Explanation**

The University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law (“Carey Law”) has an [online course catalog](#) available for student viewing. This catalog allows students to search for a wide range of classes offered during each semester.

Students can use the Course Title search field to find specific course names. Please note that searching by course subject and number (e.g., LAW 579B) is not possible.

Carey Law’s course catalog has a Schedule and Course Details section. The Schedule section has the following filters:

- Semester
- “Course Has Open Seats” box
- Day of Week
- Time of Day
- Credits

The Course Details section has the following filters:

- Subject
- Instruction Tupe
- Instructor
- Graduation Requirements
  - Courses that Satisfy Cardin Requirement
  - Courses that May Satisfy the Advanced Writing Requiring (colloquially known as the “Cert” requirement)

### A. **Semester**

Students can search for courses one semester at a time. The course catalog for the next academic year typically becomes available during the Spring semester. The screen capture below illustrates the filters that can be used with the semester-specific filter.

## SCHEDULE

### Semester

All Courses Scheduled and Unscheduled	▼
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Currently Scheduled (Any Semester)	
Fall 2024	
Spring 2025	

The most useful filter is selecting the specific semester for which the student intends to register. For instance, if a student is preparing their schedule for Spring 2025, it is advisable to select the Spring 2025 filter, as shown above.

### B. Course Has Open Seats

By selecting this filter, students will see only the courses with available seats for registration. For example, if a student is enrolled in the Fall 2024 semester and wishes to add another class but is unsure of availability, they can use the Course Has Open Seats option to filter out full courses and display only those with open seating.

### C. Day of Week

This filter is beneficial for students who want to register for classes that are offered on specific days.

### D. Time of Day

Students can register for courses during three time slots: Day, Twilight, and Evening/Twilight. Day courses are typically offered in the mornings and early afternoons (e.g., 8:45 AM – 4:10 PM), Twilight courses are offered from 4:20 PM – 6:20 PM, and Evening courses are offered from 6:30 PM – 9:35 PM. Course listings in the catalog will usually indicate whether they are classified as “Day,” “Evening,” or “Twilight.” If students have questions about the timing of any courses, they can email [registration@law.umaryland.edu](mailto:registration@law.umaryland.edu).

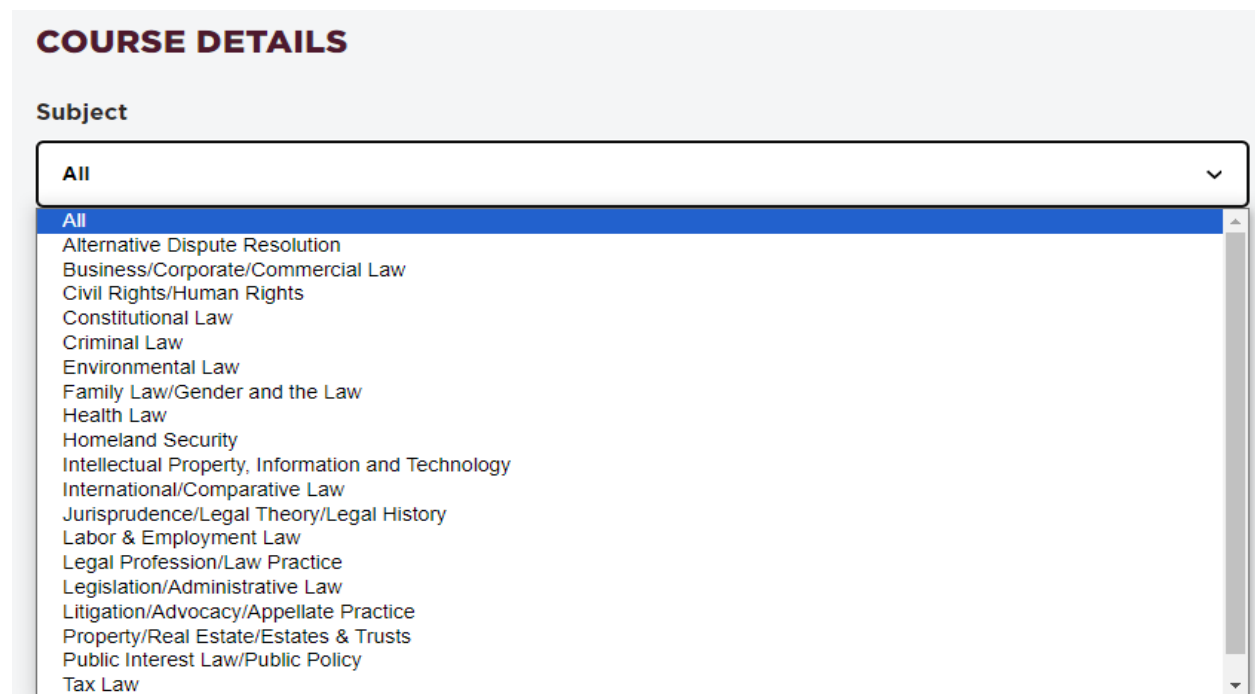
### E. Credits

If a student is concerned about the number of credits they can enroll in or wishes to limit their enrollment, it may be helpful to use the Credits filter. For example, if a student is only interested in 3-credit courses, they can select “3” in the Credits filter.

The second section of the course catalog is the Course Details section.

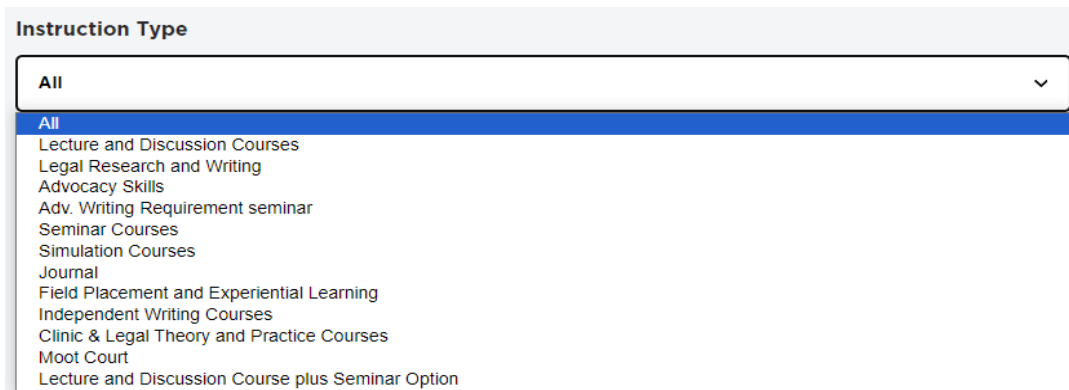
### F. Subject

Students can filter courses by subject, including areas such as Alternative Dispute Resolution, Business/Corporate/Commercial Law, Civil/Human Rights, Constitutional Law, and more. Please see the screen capture below.



### G. Instruction Type

Please see the screen capture above for the various instruction types that courses may fall under.



The screenshot shows a dropdown menu titled "Instruction Type". The menu is currently set to "All". The dropdown list is open, showing the following options:

- All
- Lecture and Discussion Courses
- Legal Research and Writing
- Advocacy Skills
- Adv. Writing Requirement seminar
- Seminar Courses
- Simulation Courses
- Journal
- Field Placement and Experiential Learning
- Independent Writing Courses
- Clinic & Legal Theory and Practice Courses
- Moot Court
- Lecture and Discussion Course plus Seminar Option

### H. Graduation Requirements

Students can check either the “Satisfies Cardin Requirement” or “May Satisfy Advanced Writing Requirement,” or both, to view only the courses that meet those criteria.

More information about the Cardin Requirement can be found using this link, with information about clinical offerings here: [Clinics](#)

More information about the Advanced Writing Requirement can be found using [this link](#).