



Boston College

LAW SCHOOL Office of Academic Services

Dear Class of 2021,

I am happy to be among those welcoming you to Boston College Law School and just want to let you know what happens next in your journey towards classes this fall.

Orientation begins Thursday morning, August 23, with activities that will continue throughout the first month. Participation is mandatory. Classes will start on Monday, August 27. You can expect classes to begin at 8:30 am and continue until about 3 pm each weekday. In the spring term, you will have an elective class, which may meet earlier or later on two weekdays.

We will register you for classes by August 15. You will be able to view a tentative schedule in the Agora Portal at that time. You will be assigned to one of three first-year sections in the Fall and will take the same classes with your section-mates throughout the first year except for the spring elective. In addition, your section will be split into two sections for Law Practice I and II.

Book lists will be available in mid-August. We strongly recommend that you do not unseal the book packages prior to Orientation, as there may be last-minute updates to the syllabi. The bookstore will not accept returns on unsealed books.

Students may use only a laptop for exams and no other electronic device. You should bear this in mind if considering e-versions of textbooks and related reading materials.

Finally, we do not expect you to prepare readings for law school other than those that will bring you here with a fresh and open mind to the world you are about to encounter. Spend the summer reading for pleasure – perhaps books on the history of this region if you are new to New England. Spend time with friends and family – they will become even more important to you in the months to come.

We will be in touch and see you in August.

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