

I. The Academic Program

B. General Rules

10. Approval of Distance Education Coursework

a. Approval of Distance Education Courses Generally

Distance Education Courses will be approved or disapproved through the process used for substantive changes to the School of Law's curriculum.

Primary consideration shall be given to (a) ensuring a level of educational quality commensurate with best practices in distance education; (b) providing educational opportunities to students through distance education; (c) serving the Curricular Mission and Goals; and (d) meeting all applicable ABA Standards. This process applies to all distance education courses that award credit toward the J.D. degree, whether taught by law faculty or faculty outside the law school.

Courses from Spring semester 2020 and those for the academic year 2020-2021 that meet the definition of Distance Education Courses because they have been modified for reasons attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic are deemed to have been approved as Distance Education Courses. However, for any such deemed-approved courses to continue as Distance Education Courses after the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, they must at that time be approved under the process provided in the Policy.

b. Approval of Student Requests to Participate in a Course via Remote Instruction *(INTERIM)*

A student's request to utilize remote instruction for portions of a course where the student would otherwise be expected to complete that portion of the course on campus will be approved or disapproved by the Assistant Dean for Student Services in consultation with, and the approval of, the instructor of the course in the instructor's sound discretion. The student's request must be based on circumstances (including medical, emotional, family, or other personal circumstances specifically related to the COVID-19 pandemic) that make it burdensome for the student to participate in the course without the use of remote instruction. The burden of persuasion is on the student.