

Student Petitions Committee

The Student Petitions Committee may grant waivers of academic requirements, including required coursework, and grant readmission to Willamette University College of Law to students who were academically dismissed. The committee typically meets once per semester. Students who wish to present a petition to the Student Petitions Committee must complete this form and email a PDF copy (including the required supporting statement as a single merged document) to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs & Administration. For further information, please refer to the Academic Handbook.

Basic Information

Full Name	
Willamette Student ID	
Date of Submission	

Request to Committee

I am requesting that the Student Petitions Committee (please check all that apply):

- Waive one or more required courses or academic requirements.** Please note that the committee cannot waive any course or academic requirement imposed by the American Bar Association accreditation standards, and that required courses are typically waived only in the event of an irreconcilable scheduling conflict or other exceptional circumstances.
- Grant readmission to the College of Law in the JD Program, preserving my prior cumulative GPA and earned credits.** Students who were academically dismissed may request reinstatement under this option. Students requesting this relief are encouraged to assess whether restarting the JD program would provide a greater chance of success of returning to good academic standing.
- Grant readmission to the College of Law in the JD Program, restarting the JD program and eliminating my prior cumulative GPA and earned credits.** Students who were academically dismissed may request reinstatement under this option. If relief is granted, students will typically be invited to return to WUCL with the next incoming 1L class in the fall semester.
- Grant readmission to the College of Law, applying my previously earned JD credits and cumulative GPA towards completion of the MLS degree.** Students who were academically dismissed may request reinstatement under this option. Pursuant to the Academic Handbook, students who withdraw or are academically excluded from the JD program, but who have otherwise satisfied the requirements of the MLS degree, are eligible to receive the MLS degree upon petition. Please note that once your existing credits are applied towards the MLS degree, they cannot be applied towards a JD degree in the future.
- Grant readmission to the MLS or LLM program (prior MLS or LLM students only).** Students who were academically dismissed from these programs may request reinstatement under this option.

Supporting Statement

In support of your request, please attach a clear and concise supporting statement of no more than 1000 words.

If you are requesting to waive one or more of the WUCL courses or requirements, please explain to the committee why your request should be granted. You must include the name of the course or a description of the academic requirement you are requesting to waive, an explanation of the irreconcilable scheduling conflict or exceptional circumstance that would warrant an exception, and an explanation of the options you have explored to adhere to the standard requirements.

If you are requesting readmission to the College of Law, please be aware that pursuant to ABA Standard 501(c), the committee cannot readmit any student who was previously academically disqualified without “an affirmative showing that the prior disqualification does not indicate a lack of capacity to complete [the] program of legal education and be admitted to the bar.” Accordingly, you are encouraged to provide the committee with an explanation of the circumstances that you believe led to your prior disqualification, any change in circumstances or other factors that have since increased your likelihood of success in the program, and an explanation of why you are seeking the specific readmission option you selected above.

Certification

I certify that the information contained in this petition is true, complete, and accurate.

Signature