Auditing a Course

Permission to audit a course conveys the privilege of listening and observing but not of handing in papers, taking part in discussion, or receiving evaluations. An auditor does not receive University credit for the course, nor is the course recorded on a transcript.

A University student who wishes to audit a law course should obtain a Class Auditor Permit from the Student Affairs Office and secure the consent of the course instructor and the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. A separate, additional petition to the assistant dean is required to audit a first-year course.

A nonstudent must obtain the Class Auditor Permit and the consent of the instructor and assistant dean and must also pay a $20 auditor’s fee for each course; those who are 65 or older are exempt from this fee. Only individuals with a law degree from an ABA-accredited or foreign law school will be permitted to audit, with very limited exceptions (e.g. currently enrolled students at other ABA law schools; individuals with a demonstrated professional need to audit the course).

Auditors are permitted only when space is available. No more than five auditors are allowed in any section. A person may audit only one first-year law course a semester and may audit a total of no more than four courses. Law students and undergraduates are not permitted to audit law courses. Instructors and the dean may refuse any request to audit a course.

Nothing in these rules prohibits an instructor from permitting guests and visitors.