

Guidance for Pregnant Law Students
University of Miami School of Law
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Congratulations on your pregnancy!

Life does not stop when you enter law school, and we are here to support you throughout this journey.

If you learn that you are pregnant during your law school studies, we recommend that you consider some of these issues as you plan to balance your time and priorities.

1. **Class Schedules.** Once you know that you may be pregnant, please contact the Dean of Students so that you can discuss your course selection. Some classes are easier to manage than others should you require a mid-semester break for your delivery, and we should plan in advance to ensure that you will have a successful semester and continue to make good progress towards your graduation.
2. **Exam Schedules.** The Dean of Students can assist you to reschedule examinations in the event of medical necessity. Note that typically

examinations cannot be administered early, but can be delayed. Again, giving advance notice to the Dean of Students is helpful. Please do not contact your individual professors because this can compromise the anonymous grading process.

3. Leave of Absence. You are not required to take time off for your pregnancy or once your child is born. However, all students are permitted to take up to two semesters off for a leave of absence during your law school studies. In order to request a leave of absence, you can complete the Request for Change of Enrollment Status Form on the Dean of Students website.

4. Nursing Rooms.

The University of Miami provides Nursing Rooms on campus. This program is operated for all nursing mothers including University employees.

http://www.miami.edu/index.php/wep/nursing_mothers/

As needed, the Dean of Students has also worked with individual students to arrange for alternate locations at the law school for nursing.

5. Parking on Campus.

Parking and Transportation Services will typically provide special arrangements for pregnant mothers in the last three months of the pregnancy. Should medical circumstances warrant (with a doctor's note) these special arrangements can be extended. Please contact Dean Stearns, who will direct you to the Customer Service Manager for Parking and Transportation.

6. General Legal Issues:

Title IX ensures that all students are provided with equal access to the University of Miami and all activities, and this includes pregnant and parenting students.

For more information on general legal issues relating to pregnant students, see this link:

<http://www.nwlc.org/our-issues/education-%2526-title-ix/pregnant-%2526-parenting-students>

For the University of Miami's Title IX policy, see this link:

<http://media.law.miami.edu/current-students/pdf/2015/2015%20Sexual%20Misconduct%20-%20FINAL.pdf>



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