

HPU Law

Student Policies and Procedures

New Student Orientation

August 2026

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Law School Governance

<https://www.highpoint.edu/law/leadership-team/>

- Founding Dean and Professor of Law Mark Martin
- Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Law John DeStefano
- Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Associate Professor of Law Kip Nelson
- Associate Dean of Admissions and Lecturer on Law Jay Shively
- Associate Dean of Experiential Education and Clinical Associate Professor Jennifer Martin
- Director of the Law Library and Lecturer on Law Sola Babatunde
- Director of Career Development Jon Kasprzak
- Administrative Counsel and Lecturer on Law Gil Berger
- Director of Administration Lori Livingston

Mission

To foster an environment in which students, faculty, and staff are free to engage in robust, uninhibited, and respectful discussion and debate that employs critical analysis and reasoned argument to equip students with the legal knowledge, skills, and values necessary to become lawyer-leaders who serve their clients and communities with civility and grace.

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Website Resources for Current Students

<https://www.highpoint.edu/law/current-students/>



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Introduction to the HPU Law Honor Code

Kate Venis, Jacob Dillman, and Samantha Smit

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Meet the Council



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Vice President



Kate Venis
President



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Faculty Advisor



Jacob Dillman



Jessica Leli



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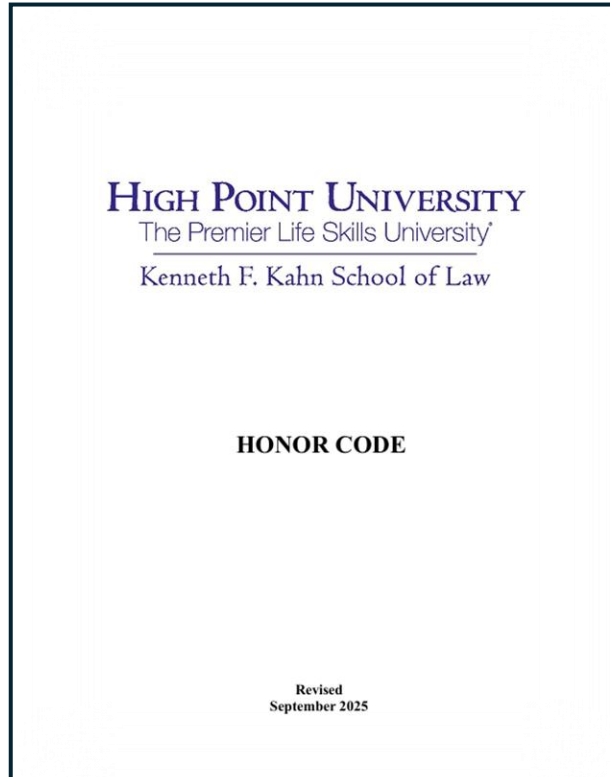


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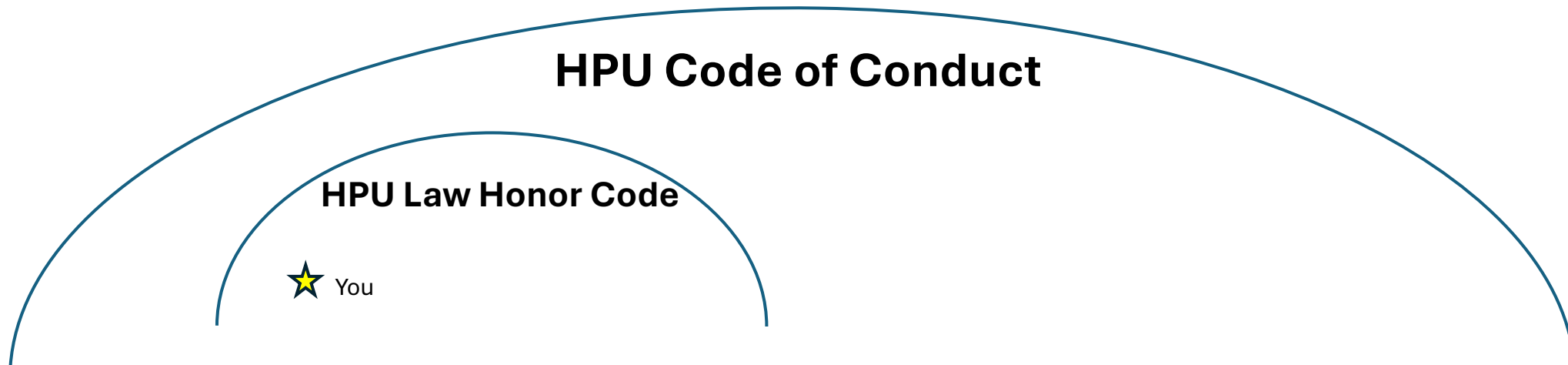
What is the Honor Code?



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HPU Code of Conduct



Violations and Duty to Report

2.1 Violations

1. Lying to School of Law Administration, Faculty, Instructors, or staff members
2. Cheating or attempting to cheat
3. Stealing or misusing library property
4. Stealing or attempting to steal the tangible or intangible property of another
- 5. Failing to report an honor code violation within 14 days**

AI Policy



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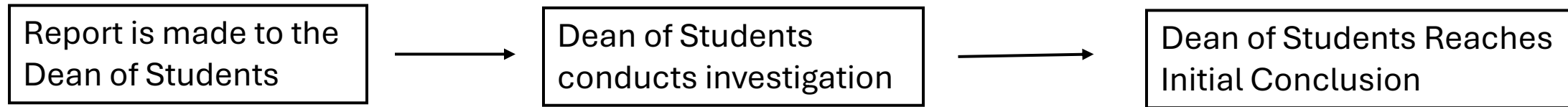


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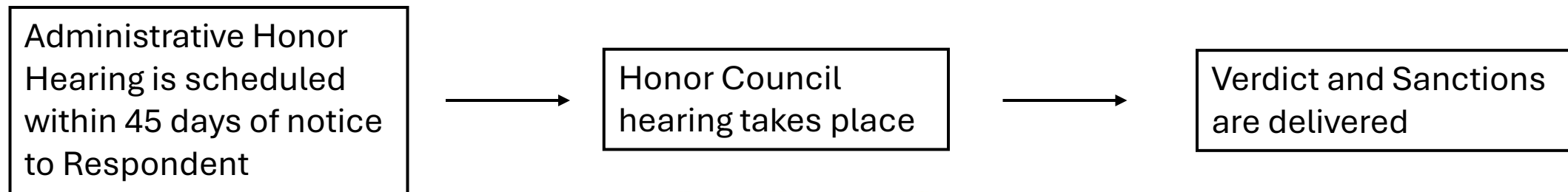
Cheating

- Submitting as one's work the work of another
- Soliciting, accessing, and/or using, or attempting to solicit, access, and/or use materials in an assignment other than those specifically authorized
- Bringing materials, devices, and/or other items to any assessment that are prohibited
- Soliciting, accessing, and/or using solution/assignments/work product from online websites
- Unauthorized collaboration

Honor Council Hearing Process



If probable cause is found:



Our Advice

- If you aren't sure, don't do it!
- The time and effort you are investing into your career is ultimately for your benefit, don't risk it on something that seems like an easy way out

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J.D. Curriculum

- The J.D. degree requires that the student earn a minimum of 90 credit hours with a minimum cumulative law GPA of 2.000 on a 4.000 scale.
- Thirty-one (31) course credits will be required in the first year.
- Twenty-five (25) course credits will be required in the upper-level courses. Except as noted below, students may take these upper-level courses in their second or third year.
- Students will satisfy the remainder of the credit requirements (34 credits) through elective courses. Elective courses are offered according to faculty availability and student enrollment. The nature, content, and number of units awarded for courses are subject to change without notice.

J.D. Curriculum

First Year Required Courses—31 total credit hours

Fall Semester	15
• LAW 7100 Professional Pathways	1
• LAW 7110 Civil Procedure	4
• LAW 7120 Contracts	4
• LAW 7130 Torts	3
• LAW 7140 Legal Research & Writing I	3
Spring Semester	16
• LAW 7200 Professional Formation	1
• LAW 7210 Constitutional Law	4
• LAW 7220 Property	4
• LAW 7230 Criminal Law	3
• LAW 7240 Legal Research & Writing II	3
• LAW 7250 Access to Justice Practicum	1

J.D. Curriculum

Upper Level Required Courses—25 total credit hours

Must be taken in student's second (2L) year—

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| • LAW 8100 Professional Responsibility | 3 |
| • LAW 8110 Evidence | 4 |
| • LAW 8250 Advocacy Skills Practicum | 1 |

Must be taken either in student's second (2L) or third (3L) year—

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| • LAW 8120 Business Associations | 4 |
| • LAW 8130 Sales | 2-3 |
| • LAW 8140 Constitutional Criminal Procedure | 2 |

Must be taken in student's third (3L) year—

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| • LAW 9250 Leadership Practicum | 1 |
| • LAW 9500 Bar Readiness Workshop | 2 |

J.D. Curriculum

Experiential Skills Requirement—Six Hours Required

- Students must take six credit hours of experiential coursework to graduate. One of these hours is satisfied by the Advocacy Skills Practicum all students must take in their second year (see above). Students therefore must take at least five additional credit hours from a menu of upper-level simulation, clinic, and externship courses that focus on developing students' practical lawyering skills. The law school administration will identify these courses and communicate this list of courses to students.

Upper-Level Rigorous Written Skills Requirement—One Hour Required

- To satisfy this requirement, students must take at least one credit hour from a menu of upper-level seminars, independent studies, and other courses that include a major paper assignment. The law school administration will identify these courses and communicate this list of courses to students.

Grading Scale

Completed course work will be assigned a letter grade which carries quality points according to the following scale:

A+	4.33	
A	4.00	
A-	3.67	
B+	3.33	
B	3.00	
B-	2.67	
C+	2.33	
C	2.00	
C-	1.67	
D+	1.33	
D	1.00	
D-	0.67	
F	0.00	
WF	0.00	Withdrawal Fail

An A+ grade may not be assigned to more than one student in any section of any course. An A+ grade may be awarded only for performance clearly superior to that of all students who are not awarded an A+ in the course.

No GPA Points

P	Pass (used for Pass/Low Pass/No Pass courses only)
LP	Low Pass (used for Pass/Low Pass/No Pass courses only)
NP	No Pass (used for Pass/Low Pass/No Pass courses only)

Grade Norming Policy

- Norm is 2.9-3.1 for all 1L courses
- No mandatory curve (distribution) of grades
- For LRW, norm applies to grades before penalties (e.g., for late assignments)

Class Attendance

- ABA Standard 308(a): “(a) A law school shall adopt, publish, and adhere to sound academic standards, including those for regular class attendance”
- Be on time to class
- Follow professor instructions to verify attendance
- Do not sign in for someone else or sign in when you arrive late (without professor approval)—*this can be an Honor Code violation*
- Check your syllabi!
 - Class attendance may be a component of your class participation grade.
 - Each faculty member may impose sanctions, up to and including exclusion from the class and giving of the grade “WF” (withdrawal fail) for excessive absences/tardiness.
 - Communicate with your professor if you have or need several absences.

Academic Dismissal

- End of first spring semester
 - Cumulative Law GPA < 2.000
- Required to retake a required course (usually by making a “D-” or “F”) and either fails to receive a grade of “D” or higher in the retaken course or receives a “WF” in the retaken course(s).

Academic Dismissal

- Can petition for reinstatement ***no earlier than 9 months after dismissal*** (unless dismissed due to failing a required course twice).
- Reinstatement is rarely granted.
- Reinstated students are automatically on academic probation for first semester of reinstatement.

Academic Probation

- Cumulative Law GPA < 2.000 after the first semester
- Anyone who receives an “F,” “D-,” or “WF” in any first-year required course, but is not otherwise subject to dismissal
- Referred to Academic Success Program

Academic Success Program

- The Student Handbook dictates referrals to the Academic Success Program
- The Academic Success Program is for every student
- Make an appointment by emailing: Bbyrne@highpoint.edu
- LAW – STEPS 10:30-11:30
 - Thursday, August 20, 27
 - Thursday, September 24
 - Thursday, October 1, 15, 22, 29

Repeating Courses

- A student who withdraws from a required course or receives a grade of “F,” “D-,” or “NP” in a required course must repeat the course in order to graduate.
- A student may elect to repeat one time a required course in which a grade of “C-” or below is received.
- When a student repeats a course, the original grade is not removed from the student’s transcript and continues to be calculated in the student’s cumulative GPA. The grade in the repeated course is also calculated in the student’s cumulative GPA such that GPA will reflect both the quality points and credit hours from both times the course is taken.

Academic Advising

- All students will be assigned one faculty mentor in the spring of the students' first year in the law school.
- The mentor will be a member of the full-time faculty who will assist students in developing career objectives and choosing academic courses.
- It is the student's responsibility to meet the requirements of the degree as established by the law school faculty and administration and the HPU Board of Trustees, and it is important that the student consult with his or her full-time faculty mentor and/or with the law school administration concerning course selection, sequential courses, and prerequisite courses.

Student Employment

- First-year students may not work more than 10 hours/week when enrolled in more than 12 class hours during that term.
- Upper-level students may not work more than 20 hours/week.
- You will sign an acknowledgement of this policy and the Honor Code.

Employment Policy and Honor Code Acknowledgement



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University Conduct Code

This summary provides an overview of key policies from the Office of Community Standards at High Point University. It is not an exhaustive list. For more detailed information, please refer to the [Student Guide to Campus Life](#).

We, the students of High Point University, shall seek excellence in the classroom, on the playing field, and in positions of leadership and service across our campus.

As a community of scholars, we shall work together with faculty to create an environment conducive to teaching and learning.

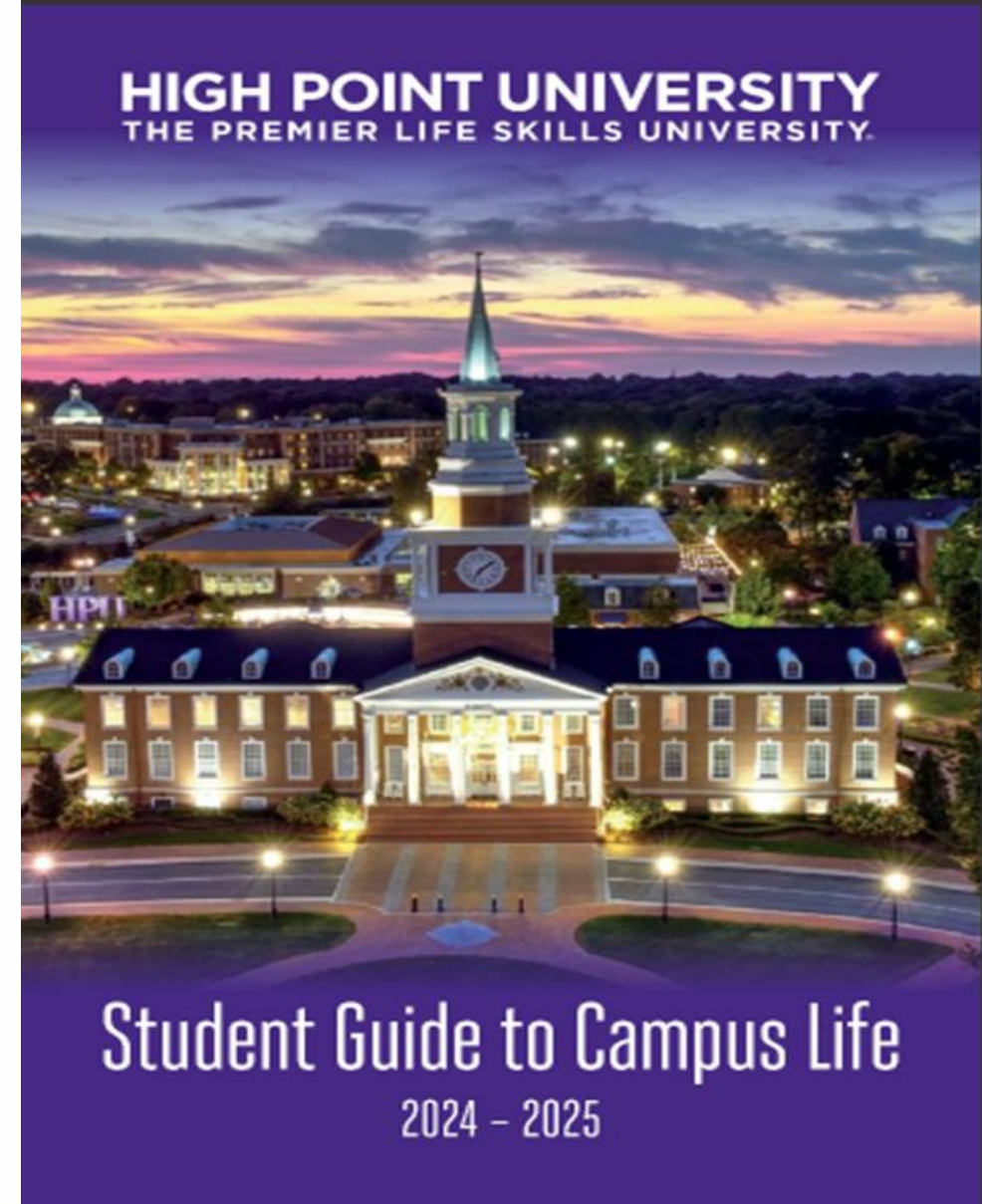
As a community of persons, we shall treat each other with compassion, with dignity, and with civility.

As persons, we shall be honest and just in all that we do, recognizing that we can never be greater than the integrity of our word and deed.

As citizens of global community, we shall act responsibly, both on campus and off, governing our actions not only by our personal needs and desires but also by a concern for the welfare of others, for the general good of humankind, and for the environment upon which we mutually depend.

Recognizing that communities cannot exist without values and codes of conduct, we shall search for enduring values; and we shall adhere to those codes of conduct which have been established by and for the members of High Point University.

When we leave High Point, we shall leave it better than we found it, and in support of this goal, we pledge our loyalty and our service to this University which we have chosen as our own.



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HPU Code of Conduct

- applies to all HPU students from admission until graduation
- applies to student behavior both on and off-campus, as well as during all breaks and participation in any University-sponsored program/event

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Official Transcripts

- Students must submit an official undergraduate transcript to School of Law **before August 17th**.
- If a student submitted a law application through LSAC, then official transcripts have been received.
- Students are responsible for ensuring that the School of Law receives their official undergraduate transcript, as it is a condition of admission.

Character and Fitness

Students have an ongoing obligation to notify the Associate Dean of Students of any character or qualification issues, including:

- Academic/disciplinary/financial problems – pending or resolved
- Criminal charges and/or convictions (including traffic violations), even dismissed charges/deferred findings
- Court martial hearings/dishonorable discharges
- Involuntary separation from job involving dishonesty
- Involvement in civil lawsuits
- Any condition or impairment (or any treatment for conduct or behavior) that could call into question your ability to practice law competently, ethically, and professionally (substance/alcohol abuse, mental/emotional/nervous disorder or condition)

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Character and Fitness

- If in doubt, disclose!
- Must notify Associate Dean of Students by **September 1** with updates or corrections from law school application
- Ongoing obligation to supplement disclosures if additional events occur
- Subject to discipline if disclosures are incorrect or incomplete

Disability Accommodations

- The HPU Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS) is committed to providing students with disabilities equal access to their HPU education and university life when environmental and academic barriers are identified.
- OARS engages with faculty and staff to provide and coordinate appropriate and reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities.
- If you would like more information regarding accommodations, please email OARS@highpoint.edu.

Student Organizations

- Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
- Christian Legal Society (CLS)
- Democratic Legal Society
- Federalist Society
- First Generation Law Student Association
- High Point Innocence Organization
- Latine Law Society
- Law Students Against Sexual Violence
- Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA)
- Sports and Entertainment Law
- Women in Law

Professional Attire Guidelines

- **General Dress Code**

- **Modest Casual Attire:** Students should present themselves in a manner consistent with professional standards.
- **Prohibited Attire:** Recreational and beachwear such as cropped, tank, midriff shirts, or short shorts.

- **Professional Attire Requirements**

- **Occasions:** Required during visits by distinguished guests or when professional etiquette dictates.
- **Notice:** The administration will provide advance notice when professional attire is required.
 - Professional attire refers to formal business attire suitable for court appearances.

Library Access and Policy

Library Hours

- 24/7 Access by Passport; staffed Sunday 12-6, M-F 7-10, Saturday 10-6

Study Space

- Law library is located on the third floor of the Kenneth F. Kahn School of Law
- 48 study carrels available on first come first served basis
- There are two eight-seat tables available for student collaboration
- There are two small four-people collaborative tables
- There are six study rooms (rooms 321, 322, 323, 337, 338, 339) and two deep quiet study rooms, room 329 and room 328 as well as six study rooms just outside the library (rooms 306, 307, 308, 310, 311, 313).

Smith Library

- 40 study carrels
- Powell Conference Room (8 users)

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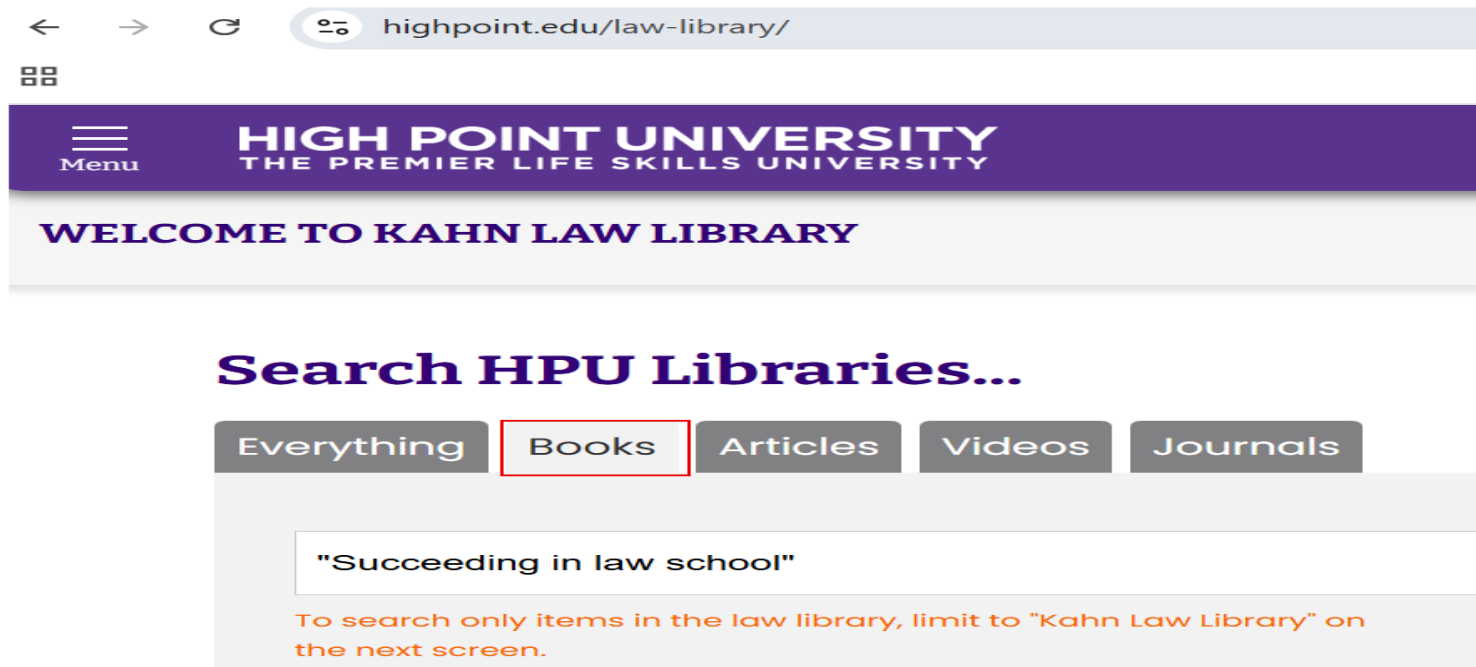
- No food allowed in the library, including the study rooms inside the library.
- Beverages should be in spill-proof containers.
- The library is a quiet zone; conversations should be moved to study rooms.
- Carrels (study desks) are available on a first come, first served basis and are not reserved to any one student. All items should be removed from carrels when they are not in use.
- Please return books to the purple cart by the desk. Do not reshelve books yourself.

Kahn Library Printing/Copying

- Printing: b&w and color: free of charge

Using the Library Catalog

- <https://www.highpoint.edu/law-library/>



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "highpoint.edu/law-library/". Below the browser window is a purple header bar with a "Menu" icon and the text "HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY THE PREMIER LIFE SKILLS UNIVERSITY". Below the header is a white bar with the text "WELCOME TO KAHN LAW LIBRARY". The main content area has a heading "Search HPU Libraries..." followed by a row of five buttons: "Everything", "Books", "Articles", "Videos", and "Journals". The "Books" button is highlighted with a red border. Below the buttons is a search input field containing the text "Succeeding in law school". Below the search field is a note in orange text: "To search only items in the law library, limit to 'Kahn Law Library' on the next screen."

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Expand or Narrow Your Search

The screenshot shows the HPULibraries search interface. At the top, the logo "HPULibraries High Point University" is on the left, a search bar with the text "Succeeding in law school" is in the center, and a "Sign in" link is on the right. Below the search bar is a navigation bar with links for "Advanced search", "Course Reserves", and "Resources". On the left side, there are filter sections: "Sort: Best Match" with a dropdown arrow, "Search Results Display" with a dropdown arrow, "Expand This Search With" with a dropdown arrow, and "Held By Library" with a dropdown arrow. Under "Held By Library", there is a list of checkboxes: "Libraries Worldwide", "Triad Academic Library Association", "HPULibraries, High Point University" (which is checked), "Smith Library", "School of Education Resource Center", "Wanek Center Learning Commons", and "Kahn Law Library". A red box highlights the "Kahn Law Library" checkbox. To the right of the filters, a blue notification box with an information icon contains the text: "Do you want to expand your search to Libraries Worldwide? Try your search again, use different search terms, or go back to select different filtering criteria." A red box highlights this notification.

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Advanced search Course Reserves Resources

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Search Results Display

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Search WorldWide Databases of Libraries

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