

Juris Doctor

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Description

The School of Law offers a Juris Doctor (J.D.), a concurrent Juris Doctor/Master of Accountancy (J.D./M.Accy.) and a concurrent Juris Doctor/Master of Taxation (J.D./M.Tax.).

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 90

Course Requirements

First Year

- Law 503 Civil Procedure I (3 credits, one semester)
- Law 507 Constitutional Law I (3 credits, one semester)
- Law 501 Contracts (4 credits, one semester)
- Law 568 Criminal Law (3 credits, one semester)
- Law 514 & 515 Legal Research and Writing I & II (6 credits, two semesters)
- Law 504 Property (4 credits, one semester)
- Law 502 Torts (4 credits, one semester)
- 1 Skills course (3 credits) (courses fulfilling the Skills requirement are designated each semester by the law faculty)
- A 3-hour elective as determined by law faculty (3 credits)

Upper Level (Second and Third Years)

- Law 603 Legal Profession (3 credits, one semester)
- 1 Skills course (3 credits) and 1 Writing course (2-3 credits) (courses fulfilling the Skills and Writing requirements are designated each semester by the law faculty)

Otherwise, students have free choice of elective courses to complete the remainder of their credit hours.

Sample Traditional Curriculum for J.D.

Year 1 (all courses required)

Description	Fall	Spring	Any
Civil Procedure I		3	
Constitutional Law		3	
Contracts	4		
Criminal Law		3	
Legal Writing and Research	3	3	
Property	4		
Torts	4		
Contract Negotiation and Drafting (skills)			3
3-hour elective		3	

Year 2

Description	Fall	Spring	Any
Civil Procedure II	3		
Constitutional Law II	3		
Criminal Procedure I		3	
Environmental Law	3		
Evidence	4		
Federal Trial Practice (skills)		3	
Intellectual Property	3		
Income Taxation of Individuals		3	
Legal Profession (required)		3	
Secured Transactions		3	

Year 3

Description	Fall	Spring	Any
Administrative Law	3		
Bankruptcy	3		



Description	Fall	Spring	Any
Copyright Law	3		
Civil Legal Clinic	4		
Depositions (skills)	3		
Gaming Law (writing)	3		
Innocence Project	4		
Pro Bono Service	1		
Moot Court Board/Law Journal	4 (earned over Year 2 and Year 3)		
Wills and Estates	3		

*Note: Other than the required courses indicated above, students may choose from a large variety of elective courses to complete their law degree.

Sample 24-Month Curriculum for J.D.

First Summer

Description	Fall	Spring	Intersession or Summer
Civil Procedure I		3	
Criminal Law		3	

First Fall

Description	Fall	Spring	Intersession or Summer
Civil Procedure II		3	
Contracts		3	
Legal Writing and Research		3	
Property		3	
Torts		3	

First Spring

Description	Fall	Spring	Intersession or Summer
Contracts		3	
Contract Negotiation and Drafting (skills)		3	
Constitutional Law		3	
Legal Profession		3	
Legal Writing and Research		3	
Torts		3	

Second Summer

Description	Fall	Spring	Intersession or Summer
Bankruptcy			3
Environmental Law			3
Federal Trial Practice (skills)			3
Income Taxation of Individuals			3
Interviewing and Counseling (skills)			3
Secured Transactions			3

Second Fall

Description	Fall	Spring	Intersession or Summer
Constitutional Law II	3		
Evidence	3		
Gaming Law (writing)	3		
Intellectual Property	3		
Wills and Estates	3		

Second Spring

Description	Fall	Spring	Intersession or Summer
Administrative Law		3	
Copyright Law		3	



Description	Fall	Spring	Intersession or Summer
Criminal Procedure I		3	
Depositions (skills)		3	
Innocence Project		3	

Other Academic Requirements

For the Juris Doctor degree, the requirements are: (1) successful completion of 90 credit hours of law courses (70 of which must be graded credit hours and 75 of which must come from courses that meet in regularly scheduled classroom hours), including the courses specifically required for graduation, and (2) an overall grade-point average of 2.00 (C) or better. The curriculum and courses required for graduation are subject to change at any time without prior notice at the direction of the law faculty.

Specializations

- [Concentration - Business Law](#)
- [Concentration - Criminal Law](#)
- [Concentration - Remote Sensing/Air/Space](#)
- [Concentration - Sport & Entertainment](#)

