

Summary of Juris Doctor Requirements

Effective Fall 2020 and After

This checklist is a summary only. For official requirements and details, consult the *Student Handbook* and the personalized **DegreeWorks** audit tool [available via the Signon portal](#).

Students may take no more than sixteen (16) credits during the Fall or Spring semester, inclusive of pre-session courses.

Full-time students are required to take a minimum of 12 credits per semester; part-time students must take between 8-11 credits per semester.

After completion of the full 1L sequence, students must take an average of 14-15 credits per semester to complete the J.D. degree within three (3) years.

For registration priority purposes, students are considered 2Ls upon completion of twenty-nine (29) credits, and are considered 3Ls upon completion of fifty-eight (58) credits.

Important Registration Notes:

- Students may take no more than one (1) pre-session course per semester
- Upper-level students are strongly encouraged to enroll in no more than two (2) Core Elective courses per semester
- Clinics (in-house and partner clinics) satisfy both the Applied Skills and Advanced Practice Writing Requirements
- Students may not enroll in both the Externship Program and a Clinic in the same semester
- Students may not withdraw from a Clinic once formally admitted
- Once admitted from the wait list for a course, students will be notified and have twenty-four (24) hours to accept the open course seat

CHECKLIST

- 89 credits total** (58 credits following completion of the 1L curriculum)
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.1**
- Required Courses: 1L Year**
 - Introduction to Law (2 cr.) (Fall pre-session)
 - Civil Procedure (4 cr.)
 - Contracts (4 cr.)
 - Torts (4 cr.)
 - Legal Writing I (2 cr.)
 - Professional Development-Fall (0 cr.)
 - Lawyering* (2 cr.) (Spring pre-session)
 - Property (4 cr.)
 - Criminal Law (3 cr.)
 - Constitutional Law (4 cr.)
 - Legal Writing II (2 cr.)
 - Professional Development-Spring (0 cr.)
- Required Courses: 2L Year**
 - Legal Research (1 cr.) (Fall semester)
 - Professional Responsibility (3 cr.)
 - (*Some students only, if notified*) Advanced Analytical Skills (AAS) (2 cr.)
 - (*Some students only, if notified*) Advanced Contracts (3 cr.)
- Required Courses: 3L Year**
 - (*Some students only, if notified*) Applied Legal Analysis (ALA) I and II (6 cr. total)
- Core Electives.** Must take at least five (5) out of six (6):
 - Administrative Law (3 cr.)
 - Business Organizations (4 cr.)
 - Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (4 cr.)
 - Evidence (4 cr.)
 - Taxation—Basic Federal Personal Income (3 cr.)
 - Trusts and Estates (4 cr.)
- Scholarly Writing Requirement.** Complete prior to entering final semester. Can be satisfied by (i) the Scholarly Research & Writing course (2 cr.), (ii) a paper-based seminar course with permission of professor, or (iii) Directed Research (2 cr.)
- Experiential Learning Requirement.** Complete all 3 components:
 - Lawyering (2 cr.). Taken during 1L January pre-session.
 - Advanced Practice Writing Requirement. Complete prior to entering final semester. List of approved courses on the Online Student Center site.
 - Applied Skills Requirement. Take one of:
 - Any clinic (also satisfies APWR)
 - Any externship
 - Any practicum
 - Pro Bono Scholars Program
 - Advanced Trial Advocacy
 - Deposition Practice
 - Trial Advocacy
 - List of approved courses on the Online Student Center site
- Law School Residency Requirement**
 - Full-time students: 6 semesters of at least 12 credits each
 - Part-time students: 8 semesters of at least 8 credits each
 - Completion of degree within 84 months of enrollment at a law school (60 months for admission in New York)
 - Students transferring divisions must pay special attention to the residency rules