

JURIS DOCTOR (JD)

Juris Doctor

The School of Law offers the Juris Doctor (JD) degree as well as several dual-degree programs. The JD degree requires successful completion of 88 credit hours, of which 44 hours are in specified required courses, at least 2 credits in the writing of a substantial research paper, 8 hours of an experiential capstone project, and at least 34 elective credits. The first year program for the JD degree consists mainly of the required basic courses.

Required First Year Courses

First Year	Units	
	Fall	Spring
Contracts (LAWS 1101)		4
Criminal Law (LAWS 1102)		3
Torts (LAWS 1103)		4
Legal Writing, Leadership, Experiential Learning, Advocacy, and Professionalism 1 (LAWS 1801)		4
Civil Procedure (LAWS 1201)		4
Property (LAWS 1203)		4
Law, Legislation and Regulation (LAWS 1204)		3
Legal Writing, Leadership, Experiential Learning, Advocacy, and Professionalism 2 (LAWS 1802)		4
Year Total:	15	15
Total Units in Sequence:		30

Required Second and Third Year Courses

LAWS 2002	Constitutional Law I	4
LAWS 2001	Professional Responsibility	3
LAWS 2803	Legal Writing, Leadership, Experiential Learning, Advocacy, and Professionalism 3: Advanced Skills	3
Completion of substantial research paper		2-3
Experiential learning credits (includes experiential capstone project)		12
Experiential Capstone during final year		4-8
Total Units		28-33

Curricular Concentrations

Seven curricular concentrations are offered for the Juris Doctor. These optional concentrations allow students to provide a concentrated focus for some of their elective coursework. The current available curricular concentrations are:

- Business Law
- Criminal Law
- Litigation / Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Health Law
- International Law
- Law, Technology, and the Arts
- Public Law

Elective courses

In addition to the required courses and the optional curricular concentrations, all students must take open elective courses in order to earn a minimum of 88 credits of law school coursework to qualify for the Juris Doctor degree. All students must enroll for a full-time course load each semester (10 - 18 credits), and must complete at least six regular semesters of full-time coursework. Optional summer courses may be used to reduce the credit load during a regular semester, but the student must still complete at least six regular full-time semesters (summer does not count as a regular semester.) Students may choose to take one open elective course under a "Pass/No Entry" credit basis, wherein the grade earned for the course is converted to a Pass or No Entry, and the course doesn't affect the student's grade point average.

Graduate School Option

Students in the School of Law who are not enrolled in a dual-degree program may take up to nine hours of approved courses in the other graduate and professional schools of Case Western Reserve University and have such courses counted as elective credit toward the JD degree. Such coursework must be graduate-level coursework, and must be closely related to the study of law and the student's educational/career objectives.

Academic Regulations

A complete list of Academic Regulations for the Juris Doctor program are contained in the Law Student Handbook. Questions can be directed to the law school's Academic Services Office.

Class Attendance Policy

JD students are required to attend all class sessions for which they are registered. Instructors will provide details of their procedures and policies regarding class absence at the beginning of the course. Students who fail to meet responsibilities for class attendance and preparation are subject to dismissal from a course by the Instructor. Students dismissed from a course will receive a grade of WF for the course and will not be eligible to take the exam or complete the work in the class.

JD Curricular Concentrations

JD students have an option to earn a curricular concentration by focusing their course selections within a particular area of legal study. Requirements for each particular concentration are listed below. In order to receive the concentration, students must earn at least 15-18 credits (varies by the specific concentration) in courses within the concentration, and earn an overall grade point average of 3.000 or higher amongst all courses defined by that concentration. Each concentration has a number of prescribed required courses, along with a menu of courses that can counted as elective hours. Each concentration also has a writing requirement (a substantial research paper on a topic applicable to the concentration) and a capstone experience requirement (related to the concentration). Specific courses applicable to each concentration are subject to change by faculty review. **NOTE: New concentration standards have been developed as part of the revised JD curriculum, so students will have differing requirements based on when they first began the study of law. All current students must obtain the relevant concentration curriculum sheet which applies to them from the Law School Academic Services Office. Each concentration has an assigned faculty leader who can assist students with course selection and curriculum planning.**

Business Law

Required Courses

LAWS 4401	Business Associations	4
LAWS 5431	Securities Regulation	3
Elective Courses		7
LAWS 5412	Advanced Securities Regulation	
LAWS 5417	Business, Capital Markets, and the Role of Lawyers	
LAWS 6012	Community Development Clinic II	
LAWS 5403	Federal Taxation of Corporation and Partnerships	
LAWS 5422	Financial Markets: Law, Theory, and Practice	
LAWS 5421	Financial Principles for Lawyers	
LAWS 5120	International Business Transactions	
LAWS 5427	Mergers and Acquisitions	
LAWS 5434	Secured Transactions	

Criminal Law

Required Courses

LAWS 4807	Criminal Procedure I	3
LAWS 5718	Criminal Procedure II	2
LAWS 4808	Evidence	4

Elective Courses

LAWS 6111	Appellate Practice	7
LAWS 5113	Counterterrorism Law	
LAWS 6022	Criminal Justice Clinic II	
LAWS 5213	Psychiatry & Law	
LAWS 5721	Death Penalty Lab	
LAWS 5722	Death Penalty Lab II	
LAWS 5121	International Criminal Law and Procedure	
LAWS 5116	International Human Rights	
LAWS 5736	Juvenile Law	
LAWS 6108	Pretrial Practice: Criminal	
LAWS 5749	Prisoner Rights & Litigation	
LAWS 5751	Scientific Evidence in Criminal Litigation	
LAWS 5919	Scientific Evidence and Advanced Research	
LAWS 6110	Trial Tactics	
LAWS 5118	International Law Research Lab	
LAWS 5925	Wrongful Convictions Seminar	

Total Units 16

Litigation / Alternative Dispute Resolution

Required Courses

LAWS 4808	Evidence	4
Elective Courses **		12

Doctrinal electives

LAWS 4806	Administrative Law	
LAWS 6103	Basic Mediation Training	
LAWS 5212	Civil Law and Psychiatry	
LAWS 5714	Complex Litigation	
LAWS 5716	Conflict of Laws	
LAWS 5313	Copyright and Trademark Litigation	
LAWS 5213	Psychiatry & Law	
LAWS 4807	Criminal Procedure I	
LAWS 5718	Criminal Procedure II	
LAWS 5720	Death Penalty Law and Process	

LAWS 5726	Employment Law	
LAWS 5729	Expert Testimony in Civil Cases	
LAWS 5731	Federal Courts	3
LAWS 5734	Immigration Law II	
LAWS 5115	International Arbitration	
LAWS 5122	Transnational Litigation	
LAWS 5428	Products Liability	
LAWS 5751	Scientific Evidence in Criminal Litigation	
LAWS 5919	Scientific Evidence and Advanced Research	
LAWS 5763	White Collar Crime: Prosecution and Defense	
LAWS 5925	Wrongful Convictions Seminar	
Practice electives ***		
LAWS 5707	Alternative Dispute Resolution	
LAWS 6111	Appellate Practice	
LAWS 5721	Death Penalty Lab	
LAWS 5722	Death Penalty Lab II	
LAWS 6550	Mock Trial	
LAWS 6107	Pretrial Practice: Civil	

Total Units 19

* or any clinic course except Community Development.

** must take *at least* one Doctrinal and one Practice course

+ 4 credits of any clinical course except Community Development may be taken as Practice Courses

Health Law

Required Courses

LAWS 4201	Health Law 1	3
LAWS 4202	Health Law 2	3
One of the following:		3

LAWS 4401	Business Associations	
LAWS 4808	Evidence	
LAWS 4806	Administrative Law	

Elective Courses

LAWS 4200	Bioethics and Law	9
LAWS 5212	Civil Law and Psychiatry	
LAWS 5213	Psychiatry & Law	
LAWS 5723	Disability Law	
LAWS 5724	Discrimination in Employment	
LAWS 5729	Expert Testimony in Civil Cases	
LAWS 5203	Food And Drug Law	
LAWS 5204	Genetics and Law	
LAWS 5219	Health Care Transactions	
LAWS 6032	Health Law Clinic II	
LAWS 6513	Health Matrix ((Editors))	
LAWS 6503	Health Matrix Seminar	
LAWS 6106	Pretrial Practice: Medical Malpractice	
LAWS 5205	Public Health Law	
LAWS 5918	Reproductive Rights Lab	
LAWS 5225	Research Ethics and Regulation	
LAWS 5751	Scientific Evidence in Criminal Litigation	

Total Units 18

International Law

Required Courses		
LAWS 4101	International Law	3
One of the following:		3
LAWS 4806	Administrative Law	
LAWS 4401	Business Associations	
LAWS 4808	Evidence	
Elective Courses *		10
Public International and Comparative Law electives		
LAWS 5733	Immigration Law	
LAWS 5734	Immigration Law II	
LAWS 6101	Immigration Law Practicum I	
LAWS 6102	Immigration Law Practicum II	
LAWS 5121	International Criminal Law and Procedure	
LAWS 5116	International Human Rights	
LAWS 5136	International Humanitarian Law	
LAWS 5118	International Law Research Lab	
LAWS 5125	Jewish Law	
LAWS 5745	Foreign Affairs Law	
International Business Law electives		
LAWS 5111	Admiralty Law	
LAWS 5112	Canada-United States Law Institute Seminar	
LAWS 5716	Conflict of Laws	
LAWS 5314	Cyberlaw	
LAWS 5114	European Union Law	
LAWS 5122	Transnational Litigation	
Total Units		16

* Must include *at least* one course from Public Int'l Law and *at least* one course from Int'l Bus Law

Law, Technology, and the Arts

Required Courses (at least 2 of the following)		6
LAWS 4301	Copyright Law	
LAWS 5314	Cyberlaw	
LAWS 4302	Patent Law	
LAWS 4303	Trademark Law	
Elective Courses		12
LAWS 5728	ePayment Systems	
LAWS 5315	Entertainment Law	
ENGL 525	Intellectual Property and the Construction of Authorship	
LAWS 5322	Intellectual Property & Dealmaking	
LAWS 5323	Intellectual Property Strategy	
LAWS 4300	Intellectual Property Survey	
LAWS 5363	Intellectual Property Theory Seminar	
LAWS 5318	Intellectual Property Licensing	
LAWS 5319	International Intellectual Property	
LAWS 5739	Law of Archeological Relics	
LAWS 5324	Law of the Music Industry	
LAWS 5325	Law of the Visual Arts	
LAWS 5335	Negotiation Strategies in Sports Management	
LAWS 5334	Representing the Musical Artist	

LAWS 5333	Representing the Professional Athlete	
Total Units		18

Public Law – Public and Regulatory Institutions

Required Courses		
LAWS 4806	Administrative Law	3
LAWS 5731	Federal Courts	3
Elective Courses		8
LAWS 6012	Community Development Clinic II	
LAWS 5717	Constitutional Law II	
LAWS 5908	Constitutional Law Research Seminar	
LAWS 5724	Discrimination in Employment	
LAWS 5727	Environmental Law	
LAWS 5910	Environmental Law Research Seminar	
LAWS 5203	Food And Drug Law	
LAWS 5733	Immigration Law	
LAWS 5734	Immigration Law II	
LAWS 6101	Immigration Law Practicum I	
LAWS 5737	Labor Law	
LAWS 5738	Land Use Control	
LAWS 4402	Nonprofit Organizations Law	
LAWS 5921	Social History of Crime Seminar	
LAWS 5762	Urban Development Lab	
Total Units		14

Public Law – Individual Rights and Social Reform

Required Courses		
LAWS 4806	Administrative Law	3
LAWS 5717	Constitutional Law II	3
LAWS 5731	Federal Courts	3
Elective Courses		8
LAWS 6001	Civil Litigation Clinic	
LAWS 5212	Civil Law and Psychiatry	
LAWS 5711	Civil Rights	
LAWS 5712	Community Development Law	
LAWS 5908	Constitutional Law Research Seminar	
LAWS 5113	Counterterrorism Law	
LAWS 6021	Criminal Justice Clinic I	
LAWS 5213	Psychiatry & Law	
LAWS 4807	Criminal Procedure I	
LAWS 5718	Criminal Procedure II	
LAWS 5720	Death Penalty Law and Process	
LAWS 5721	Death Penalty Lab	
LAWS 5722	Death Penalty Lab II	
LAWS 5724	Discrimination in Employment	
LAWS 5725	Education Law	
LAWS 6031	Health Law Clinic I	
LAWS 5733	Immigration Law	
LAWS 5734	Immigration Law II	
LAWS 6101	Immigration Law Practicum I	
LAWS 5116	International Human Rights	
LAWS 5736	Juvenile Law	

LAWS 4402	Nonprofit Organizations Law	
LAWS 5749	Prisoner Rights & Litigation	
LAWS 5916	Religion Clauses of First Amendment Seminar	
LAWS 5918	Reproductive Rights Lab	
LAWS 5751	Scientific Evidence in Criminal Litigation	
LAWS 5755	LGBT Legal Issues	
LAWS 5925	Wrongful Convictions Seminar	
Total Units		17

National Security

Required Courses

LAWS 5113	Counterterrorism Law	3
LAWS 4807	Criminal Procedure I	3
LAWS 5745	Foreign Affairs Law	3

Elective Courses

LAWS 5717	Constitutional Law II	
LAWS 5718	Criminal Procedure II	
LAWS 5731	Federal Courts	
LAWS 5423	Financial System Integrity	
LAWS 5732	National Security and Procurement Law	
LAWS 5733	Immigration Law	
LAWS 5734	Immigration Law II	
LAWS 6101	Immigration Law Practicum I	
LAWS 6102	Immigration Law Practicum II	
LAWS 5121	International Criminal Law and Procedure	
LAWS 5116	International Human Rights	
LAWS 5136	International Humanitarian Law	
LAWS 4101	International Law	
LAWS 5118	International Law Research Lab	

Case Abroad at Home courses (National Security topic, with advisor approval)

Summer Institute courses (National Security topic, with advisor approval)

Total Units		15
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