

LAW, JD (ONLINE)

Degree: Juris Doctor (JD)

Case Western Reserve is developing an online JD program, allowing students to enroll on a part-time basis, earning a JD degree after 5 years of enrollment. We anticipate our first enrollment into the online JD program in Fall 2024, pending approval from the American Bar Association.

Our program will allow for remote classroom experiences and the opportunity for numerous short in-person residencies throughout the program.

For more information about the online program, please visit the School of Law JD Admission webpage.

Program Requirements

The JD degree requires successful completion of 88 credit hours, of which 44 credit hours are in specified required courses, at least 2 credit hours in the writing of a substantial research paper, at least 12 credit hours of experiential learning experiences (including a required capstone experience completed during the final year) and at least 34 credit hours of electives.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Initial Courses		29-30
LAWS 1101	Contracts	
LAWS 1102	Criminal Law	
LAWS 1103	Torts	
LAWS 1201	Civil Procedure	
LAWS 1203	Property	
LAWS 1204	Law, Legislation and Regulation	
LAWS 1801	Legal Writing, Leadership, Experiential Learning, Advocacy, and Professionalism 1	
LAWS 1802	Legal Writing, Leadership, Experiential Learning, Advocacy, and Professionalism 2	
Choice of one or two one-credit 1L elective courses		
Required Upper Level Courses		24-25
LAWS 2001	Professional Responsibility	
LAWS 2002	Constitutional Law I	
LAWS 2803	Legal Writing, Leadership, Experiential Learning, Advocacy, and Professionalism 3: Advanced Skills	
Completion of substantial research paper		
Experiential learning credits (includes experiential capstone project during 3L year)		
General Education Electives (Choose at least four of the following courses)		16-19
LAWS 4401	Business Associations	
LAWS 4404	Sales	
LAWS 4808	Evidence	
LAWS 4809	Wills, Trusts, and Future Interests	
LAWS 5434	Secured Transactions	
LAWS 5716	Conflict of Laws	
LAWS 5717	Constitutional Law II	

LAWS 5718 Criminal Procedure II

LAWS 5730 Family Law

Concentration Requirements (see below)

15-18

Total Hours

88

General Education Requirement

All candidates for the Juris Doctor must satisfy a General Education Requirement in order to qualify for graduation. This requirement consists of upper-level doctrinal courses that are tested on the Bar Exam. To satisfy this requirement, a student must enroll in and earn credit for *at least four* of the following nine courses:

Code	Title	Hours
LAWS 4401	Business Associations	4
LAWS 4404	Sales	3
LAWS 4808	Evidence	4
LAWS 4809	Wills, Trusts, and Future Interests	3 - 4
LAWS 5434	Secured Transactions	3
LAWS 5716	Conflict of Laws	2
LAWS 5717	Constitutional Law II	3
LAWS 5718	Criminal Procedure II	2
LAWS 5730	Family Law	3

Concentration Requirements

Business Law

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses:		
LAWS 4401	Business Associations	4
LAWS 5431	Securities Regulation	3
Elective Courses:		
<i>Choose at least two of the following:</i>		
LAWS 4404	Sales	3
LAWS 4406	Franchise Law	1
LAWS 5115	International Arbitration	2
LAWS 5120	International Business Transactions	3
LAWS 5401	International Tax	3
LAWS 5403	Federal Taxation of Corporation and Partnerships	3
LAWS 5412	Advanced Securities Regulation	3
LAWS 5413	Antitrust Law	3
LAWS 5415	Bankruptcy	3
LAWS 5418	Corporate Real Estate Transactions	2
LAWS 5420	ERISA	4
LAWS 5422	Financial Markets: Law, Theory, and Practice	2
LAWS 5427	Mergers and Acquisitions	3
LAWS 5432	Business and Law Colloquium	3
LAWS 5434	Secured Transactions	3
LAWS 5436	Financial Institutions Regulation	3
LAWS 5438	Business Organizations Research Seminar	2
LAWS 5439	Corporate Finance	3
LAWS 5724	Discrimination in Employment	3
LAWS 5763	White Collar Crime: Prosecution and Defense	2
LAWS 5764	Workers' Compensation	2

Criminal Law

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses:		
LAWS 4807	Criminal Procedure I	3
LAWS 4808	Evidence	4
LAWS 5718	Criminal Procedure II	2

Elective Courses:

Choose at least three of the following:

LAWS 5113	Counterterrorism Law	3
LAWS 5118	International Law Research Lab	3
LAWS 5121	International Criminal Law and Procedure	3
LAWS 5213	Psychiatry and Law	2
LAWS 5720	Death Penalty Law and Process	2
LAWS 5721	Death Penalty Lab	3
LAWS 5722	Death Penalty Lab II	2
LAWS 5736	Juvenile Law	2
LAWS 5749	Prisoner Rights & Litigation	3
LAWS 5760	The Wire and the War on Drugs	3
LAWS 5763	White Collar Crime: Prosecution and Defense	2
LAWS 5925	Wrongful Convictions	2
LAWS 5930	Human Trafficking Lab	2
LAWS 6108	Pretrial Practice: Criminal	2
LAWS 6110	Trial Tactics	4

Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses:		
LAWS 2803	Legal Writing, Leadership, Experiential Learning, Advocacy, and Professionalism 3: Advanced Skills (Litigation section)	3
LAWS 4808	Evidence	4
LAWS 5707	Alternative Dispute Resolution	3

Elective Courses:

Choose at least three of the following:^a

LAWS 4806	Administrative Law	3
LAWS 5115	International Arbitration	2
LAWS 5122	Transnational Litigation	2
LAWS 5213	Psychiatry and Law	2
LAWS 5335	Negotiation Strategies in Sports Management	2-3
LAWS 5716	Conflict of Laws	2
LAWS 5724	Discrimination in Employment	3
LAWS 5726	Employment Law	3
LAWS 5731	Federal Courts	3
LAWS 5733	Immigration Law	2
LAWS 5734	Immigration Law II	1
<i>Practice-oriented electives</i>		
LAWS 5744	Mediation Representation: Theory, Principle and Practice	3
LAWS 6103	Basic Mediation Training	1
LAWS 6107	Pretrial Practice: Civil	2
LAWS 6110	Trial Tactics	4

LAWS 6111	Appellate Practice	2
LAWS 6113	Deposition Skills	1

a Choose at least one practice-oriented elective.

Health Law

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses:		
LAWS 4201	Health Law	3
LAWS 5218	Health Care Organizations, Finance, and Regulation	3

Elective Courses:

Choose at least three of the following:

LAWS 4402	Nonprofit Organizations Law	2
LAWS 4806	Administrative Law	3
LAWS 5205	Public Health Law	2
LAWS 5213	Psychiatry and Law	2
LAWS 5215	Health Care and Human Rights	2
LAWS 5220	Health Care Controversies	2
LAWS 5229	Information Privacy Law	1
LAWS 5268	Health Law and Policy Lab	3
LAWS 5339	Privacy Law	3
LAWS 5413	Antitrust Law	3
LAWS 5420	ERISA	4
LAWS 5724	Discrimination in Employment	3
LAWS 5764	Workers' Compensation	2
LAWS 5918	Reproductive Rights	3
LAWS 6503	Health Matrix Seminar	2

International Law

There are a number of different focus areas available within the International Law concentration. Listed below are general requirements. Students should consult with the concentration advisor for details about different focus options.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
LAWS 4101	International Law	3
Elective Courses:^a		
LAWS 5110	Contemporary Issues in International and Comparative Law	1
LAWS 5111	Admiralty Law	2
LAWS 5113	Counterterrorism Law	3
LAWS 5115	International Arbitration	2
LAWS 5116	International Human Rights	3
LAWS 5118	International Law Research Lab	3
LAWS 5120	International Business Transactions	3
LAWS 5121	International Criminal Law and Procedure	3
LAWS 5122	Transnational Litigation	2
LAWS 5123	Trade Law	3
LAWS 5135	War and Morality	3
LAWS 5136	International Humanitarian Law	1
LAWS 5215	Health Care and Human Rights	2
LAWS 5314	Cyberlaw	3

LAWS 5319	International Intellectual Property	3
LAWS 5426	International Real Estate Transactions	2
LAWS 5436	Financial Institutions Regulation	3
LAWS 5705	International & US Family Law	3
LAWS 5716	Conflict of Laws	2
LAWS 5734	Immigration Law II	1
LAWS 5739	Law of Archeological Relics	2
LAWS 5745	Foreign Affairs Law	3
LAWS 6051	Civil Rights, Human Rights, and Immigration Clinic	4

- a Choose at least one course in Business law, and one course in Public/Comparative law.

Law, Technology, and the Arts

There are a number of different focus areas available within this concentration. Listed below are general requirements. Students should consult with the concentration advisor for details about different focus options.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses:		
LAWS 4300	Intellectual Property Survey	3
LAWS 4301	Copyright Law	3
LAWS 4303	Trademark Law	3
Elective Courses:		
<i>Choose at least three of the following:</i>		
LAWS 5314	Cyberlaw	3
LAWS 5319	International Intellectual Property	3
LAWS 5324	Law of the Music Industry	2
LAWS 5325	Museum Law	2-3
LAWS 5328	Intellectual Property and First Amendment in the Arts	3
LAWS 5332	Sports Law	1
LAWS 5333	Representing the Professional Athlete	2-3
LAWS 5335	Negotiation Strategies in Sports Management	2-3
LAWS 5739	Law of Archeological Relics	2

Public Interest Law

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses:		
LAWS 5717	Constitutional Law II	3
LAWS 5731	Federal Courts	3
Elective Courses:		
<i>Choose at least two of the following:</i>		
LAWS 4806	Administrative Law	3
LAWS 5116	International Human Rights	3
LAWS 5215	Health Care and Human Rights	2
LAWS 5328	Intellectual Property and First Amendment in the Arts	3
LAWS 5711	Civil Rights	3
LAWS 5724	Discrimination in Employment	3
LAWS 5725	Education Law	3

LAWS 5727	Environmental Law	3
LAWS 5736	Juvenile Law	2
LAWS 5737	Labor Law	3
LAWS 5749	Prisoner Rights & Litigation	3
LAWS 5755	LGBT Legal Issues	3
LAWS 5908	Public Law Research Seminar	2
LAWS 5918	Reproductive Rights	3
LAWS 5925	Wrongful Convictions	2
LAWS 5930	Human Trafficking Lab	2

Sample Plan of Study

First Year

Fall	Hours	
LAWS 1103	Torts	4
LAWS 1801	Legal Writing, Leadership, Experiential Learning, Advocacy, and Professionalism 1	3
Hours		7

Spring

LAWS 1203	Property	4
LAWS 1802	Legal Writing, Leadership, Experiential Learning, Advocacy, and Professionalism 2	3
Hours		7

Summer

LAWS 1102	Criminal Law	3
LAWS 2001	Professional Responsibility	3
Hours		6

Second Year

Fall	Hours	
LAWS 1101	Contracts	4
LAWS 2002	Constitutional Law I	4
Hours		8

Spring

LAWS 1201	Civil Procedure	4
LAWS 1204	Law, Legislation and Regulation	3
Hours		7

Summer

LAWS 4808	Evidence	4
Elective		2
Hours		6

Third Year

Fall	Hours	
LAWS 2803	Legal Writing, Leadership, Experiential Learning, Advocacy, and Professionalism 3: Advanced Skills	3
LAWS 4809	Wills, Trusts, and Future Interests	4
Hours		7

Spring

LAWS 4401	Business Associations	4
LAWS 4404	Sales	3
Hours		7

Summer

LAWS 5434	Secured Transactions	3
Externship		4
	Hours	7

Fourth Year**Fall**

Elective		3
Elective		4
	Hours	7

Spring

Elective		3
Elective		4
	Hours	7

Summer

Elective		3
Externship		3
	Hours	6

Fifth Year**Fall**

Capstone		6
	Hours	6
	Total Hours	88