

LAW, JD

Degree: Juris Doctor (JD)

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

All coursework counting towards requirements of the JD degree must be completed within five years of initial matriculation into law school. Courses completed more than five years prior must be retaken, and the older courses will not be counted towards the degree requirement. A complete list of Academic Regulations for the Juris Doctor program is contained in the Law Student Handbook. Questions can be directed to the School of Law'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.

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 credit hours (varies by the specific concentration) in courses within the concentration. Each concentration has a number of prescribed required courses, along with a menu of courses that can be 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. Students should contact the School of Law's Academic Services Office for the applicable concentration requirements.

Program Requirements

The JD degree requires successful completion of 88 credit hours, of which 44 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 3L year) and at least 34 credit hours of electives. The first year program for the JD degree consists of the required basic courses, along with two 1 credit hour 'mini-course' electives taken in the spring term.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required First and Second Semester 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 Third through Sixth Semester 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)		
Elective Courses		34
General Education Electives (at least four of the following courses)		
LAWS 4401	Business Associations	
LAWS 5716	Conflict of Laws	
LAWS 5717	Constitutional Law II	
LAWS 5718	Criminal Procedure II	
LAWS 4808	Evidence	
LAWS 5730	Family Law	
LAWS 4404	Sales	
LAWS 5434	Secured Transactions	
LAWS 4809	Wills, Trusts, and Future Interests	
Concentration Requirements (see below)		
Total Credit Hours		88

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 credit hours), 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.)

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: Business Associations, Conflict of Laws, Constitutional Law 2, Criminal Procedure 1, Evidence, Family Law, Sales, Secured Transactions, Wills & Trusts.

Concentration Requirements

Business Law

Code	Title	Credit 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 5413	Antitrust Law	3
LAWS 5412	Advanced Securities Regulation	3
LAWS 5415	Bankruptcy	3
LAWS 5432	Business and Law Colloquium	3
LAWS 5438		
LAWS 5439	Corporate Finance	3
LAWS 5418	Corporate Real Estate Transactions	2
LAWS 5724	Discrimination in Employment	3
LAWS 5420	ERISA	4
LAWS 5403	Federal Taxation of Corporation and Partnerships	3
LAWS 5436	Financial Institutions Regulation	3
LAWS 5422	Financial Markets: Law, Theory, and Practice	2
LAWS 4406	Franchise Law	1
LAWS 5115	International Arbitration	2
LAWS 5120	International Business Transactions	3
LAWS 5401	International Tax	3
LAWS 5427	Mergers and Acquisitions	3
LAWS 4404	Sales	3
LAWS 5434	Secured Transactions	3
LAWS 5763	White Collar Crime: Prosecution and Defense	2
LAWS 5764	Workers' Compensation	2

Criminal Law

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses:		
LAWS 4807	Criminal Procedure I	3
LAWS 5718	Criminal Procedure II	2
LAWS 4808	Evidence	4
Elective Courses:		
<i>Choose at least three of the following:</i>		
LAWS 5113	Counterterrorism Law	3
LAWS 5720	Death Penalty Law and Process	2
LAWS 5721	Death Penalty Lab	3
LAWS 5722	Death Penalty Lab II	2
LAWS 5930	Human Trafficking Lab	2
LAWS 5121	International Criminal Law and Procedure	3
LAWS 5118	International Law Research Lab	3
LAWS 5736	Juvenile Law	2
LAWS 6108	Pretrial Practice: Criminal	2
LAWS 5749	Prisoner Rights & Litigation	3
LAWS 5213	Psychiatry and Law	2
LAWS 6110	Trial Tactics	4
LAWS 5763	White Collar Crime: Prosecution and Defense	2

LAWS 5760	The Wire and the War on Drugs	3
LAWS 5925		2

Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses:		
LAWS 5707	Alternative Dispute Resolution	3
LAWS 4808	Evidence	4
LAWS 2803	Legal Writing, Leadership, Experiential Learning, Advocacy, and Professionalism 3: Advanced Skills	3
Elective Courses:		
<i>Choose at least three of the following:^a</i>		
LAWS 4806	Administrative Law	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
LAWS 5115	International Arbitration	2
LAWS 5335	Negotiation Strategies in Sports Management	2 - 3
LAWS 5213	Psychiatry and Law	2
LAWS 5122		2
Practice-oriented electives		
LAWS 6111	Appellate Practice	2
LAWS 6103	Basic Mediation Training	1
LAWS 6113		1
LAWS 5744	Mediation Representation: Theory, Principle and Practice	3
LAWS 6107	Pretrial Practice: Civil	2
LAWS 6110	Trial Tactics	4

a At least one must be a practice oriented course.

Health Law

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses:		
LAWS 4201	Health Law	3
LAWS 5218	Health Care Organizations, Finance, and Regulation	3
Elective Courses:		
LAWS 4806	Administrative Law	3
LAWS 5413	Antitrust Law	3
LAWS 5724	Discrimination in Employment	3
LAWS 5420	ERISA	4
LAWS 5215	Health Care and Human Rights	2
LAWS 5220	Health Care Controversies	2
LAWS 5268	Health Law and Policy Lab	3
LAWS 5229	Information Privacy Law	1
LAWS 6503	Health Matrix Seminar	2
LAWS 4402	Nonprofit Organizations Law	2

LAWS 5339	Privacy Law	3
LAWS 5213	Psychiatry and Law	2
LAWS 5205	Public Health Law	2
LAWS 5764	Workers' Compensation	2
LAWS 5918	Reproductive Rights	3

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	Credit Hours
Required Courses:		
LAWS 4101	International Law	3
Elective Courses: ^a		
LAWS 5739	Law of Archeological Relics	2
LAWS 5111	Admiralty Law	2
LAWS 5110	Contemporary Issues in International and Comparative Law	1
LAWS 5716	Conflict of Laws	2
LAWS 5113	Counterterrorism Law	3
LAWS 5314	Cyberlaw	3
LAWS 5436	Financial Institutions Regulation	3
LAWS 5745	Foreign Affairs Law	3
LAWS 5215	Health Care and Human Rights	2
LAWS 5734	Immigration Law II	1
LAWS 6051	Civil Rights, Human Rights, and Immigration Clinic	4
LAWS 5115	International Arbitration	2
LAWS 5120	International Business Transactions	3
LAWS 5121	International Criminal Law and Procedure	3
LAWS 5116	International Human Rights	3
LAWS 5319	International Intellectual Property	3
LAWS 5136	International Humanitarian Law	1
LAWS 5118	International Law Research Lab	3
LAWS 5426		2
LAWS 5123	Trade Law	3
LAWS 5705	International & US Family Law	3
LAWS 5135	War and Morality	3
LAWS 5122		2

a 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	Credit Hours
Required Courses:		
LAWS 4300		3
LAWS 4301	Copyright Law	3

LAWS 4303	Trademark Law	3
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Elective Courses:

Choose at least three of the following:

LAWS 5314	Cyberlaw	3
LAWS 5739	Law of Archeological Relics	2
LAWS 5328		3
LAWS 5319	International Intellectual Property	3
LAWS 5324	Law of the Music Industry	2
LAWS 5335	Negotiation Strategies in Sports Management	2-3
LAWS 5332	Sports Law	1
LAWS 5333	Representing the Professional Athlete	2-3
LAWS 5325	Museum Law	2-3

Public Interest Law

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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Required Courses:

LAWS 5717	Constitutional Law II	3
LAWS 5731	Federal Courts	3

Elective Courses:

Choose at least two of the following:

LAWS 4806	Administrative Law	3
LAWS 5711	Civil Rights	3
LAWS 5908	Public Law Research Seminar	2
LAWS 5724	Discrimination in Employment	3
LAWS 5725	Education Law	3
LAWS 5727	Environmental Law	3
LAWS 5215	Health Care and Human Rights	2
LAWS 5930	Human Trafficking Lab	2
LAWS 5116	International Human Rights	3
LAWS 5328		3
LAWS 5736	Juvenile Law	2
LAWS 5737	Labor Law	3
LAWS 5755	LGBT Legal Issues	3
LAWS 5749	Prisoner Rights & Litigation	3
LAWS 5918	Reproductive Rights	3
LAWS 5925		2

Sample Plan of Study

Required First and Second Semester Courses

First Year

Fall		Credit Hours
LAWS 1101	Contracts	4
LAWS 1102	Criminal Law	3
LAWS 1103	Torts	4
LAWS 1801	Legal Writing, Leadership, Experiential Learning, Advocacy, and Professionalism	3
	1	
Credit Hours		14

Spring

LAWS 1201	Civil Procedure	4
LAWS 1203	Property	4
LAWS 1204	Law, Legislation and Regulation	3
LAWS 1802	Legal Writing, Leadership, Experiential Learning, Advocacy, and Professionalism 2	3
Choice of one or two one-credit 1L elective courses		1-2
Credit Hours		15-16
Total Credit Hours		29-30

Required Third through Sixth Semester Courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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 during 3L year)		12
Total Credit Hours		24-25

Dual Degree Options

- Art History and Museum Studies, MA/Law, JD
- Biochemistry, MS/Law, JD
- Bioethics and Medical Humanities, MA/Law, JD
- Business Administration, MBA/Law, JD
- Law, JD/Medicine, MD
- Nonprofit Organizations, MNO/Law, JD
- Political Science, MA/Law, JD
- Public Health, MPH/Law, JD
- Social Work, MSW/Law, JD