Program Overview

The Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) offers advanced academic study of law for students who hold either a JD degree or an equivalent professional law degree from a country outside of the USA, and some promise for advanced academic study. The SJD program is highly individualized and tailored to the student’s aspirations. The program will train graduates for positions of leadership in academia, research or policy making.

Program Requirements

Students will spend at least two semesters in advanced coursework, as determined by the student's graduate program adviser. The student will then undertake significant research resulting in the writing of a doctoral dissertation under the supervision of a selected faculty member. Students must spend at least one full year in full-time residence at the law school. Completion of the SJD program typically will require two to three years of full-time effort.

Further information and admission materials may be requested from the Foreign Graduate Studies Program office.