

Juris Doctor Degree Requirements

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Juris Doctor First Year Requirements	Credits Required	Completed
Civil Procedure	4 credits	
Constitutional Law	4 credits	
Contracts	4 credits	
Criminal Law	4 credits	
Lawyering Process I	3 credits	
Lawyering Process II	3 credits	
Property	4 credits	
Torts	4 credits	
Juris Doctor Upper Level Requirements	Credits Required	Completed
Administrative Law	3 credits	
Evidence	4 credits	
Legal Profession	3 credits	
Additional Requirements	Credits/Hours Required	Completed
Career & Professional Development Requirement (Students entering summer 2016 and later)	See reverse side for details	
Experiential Coursework Requirement (Students entering summer 2015 and later)	See reverse side for details	
Professional Skills Requirement (Students entering fall 2013 – spring 2015)	See reverse side for details	
Public Service Requirement	See reverse side for details	
Upper Level Writing Requirement	See reverse side for details	
Out-of-Class Credit Guidelines	Maximum Credits Allowed	Credits
Clinics	25 credits or less	
Directed Experiential Project	5 credits or less	
Directed Research	5 credits or less	
Externships	15 credits or less (19 for Semester-in-Practice)	
Journals	6 credits or less	
Non-JD Hours	No more than 12 quarter hours (8 semester credits). If dual degree student, at least 15 quarter hours (10 semester credits).	
Total Out-of-Class Credits	No more than 25 credits from clinics, directed researches, externships, journals and non-JD hours	
Total Credits (90 credits needed to graduate)		Credits
Credits Completed		
Credits in Progress		
Total Completed + In Progress Credits		
Credits Needed to Graduate		

Students must have a GPA of 2.3 or higher to graduate.

This document is an advising tool only; for an official degree evaluation, please contact the Law Registrar's Office.

The final responsibility for completing graduation requirements rests with the student.

Program requirements are subject to change without notice.

Additional Requirement Information

- Career & Professional Development Requirement
 - The Career & Professional Development Requirement ensures that Denver Law students will graduate with the knowledge and skills they need to thrive in the entry-level job market. Beginning in the summer of 2016, all incoming JD students will need to complete a total of seven Career & Professional Development experiences through a combination of qualifying programs and individual career advising appointments in order to graduate. The CPD requirement is administered and tracked by the Office of Career Development & Opportunities (“CDO”).
 - Experiential Coursework Requirement (designated as “EAC” on schedule through Registrar’s Office website)
 - 6 or more credits in any Experiential Advantage course will satisfy the Experiential Coursework Requirement.
 - Applies to students entering summer 2015 and later.
 - Professional Skills Requirement (designated as “EAC” on schedule through Registrar’s Office website)
 - 2 or more credits in any Experiential Advantage course will satisfy the Professional Skills Requirement.
 - Applies to students entering fall 2013 through spring 2015.
 - Public Service Requirement (designated as “PUBL” on schedule through Registrar’s Office website)
 - A minimum of 50 hours of supervised, uncompensated, legal public service work that is approved through the Director of Public Interest. Automatically fulfilled through: Appellate Advocacy, Civil Litigation Clinic, Civil Litigation Practicum, Civil Rights Clinic, Community Economic Development Clinic, Criminal Defense Clinic, Environmental Law Clinic, International Criminal Law Practicum, Mediation and Arbitration Clinic, Poverty and Low Wage Work in America, Probate Practicum, Public Interest Practicum, Street Law, Trial Practice III: Mentors Practicum, and Wills Lab.
 - Upper Level Writing Requirement (designated as “ULW” on schedule through Registrar’s Office website)
 - Can be completed through: 1) An advanced legal writing course; 2) Designated seminar classes or clinics; 3) Directed research projects; 4) Certification by professor. Final upper level writing approval is made through the Law Registrar’s Office.
- Note:** The ULW and the Professional Skills/Experiential Coursework Requirement cannot be met by the same course.

Additional General Information

- Dual degree students must have an approved dual degree petition on file in the Office of Graduate Studies.
- Students taking non-JD hours must have an approved petition on file in the Law Registrar’s Office.
- Repeated courses count toward the GPA calculation but not toward overall hours.
- For further information regarding Juris Doctor degree information, visit <http://www.law.du.edu/index.php/student-handbook>.

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