Juris Doctor

Overview

Degree Requirements

Description
The School of Law offers a Juris Doctor (J.D.), a concurrent Juris Doctor/Master of Accountancy (J.D./M.Accy) and a Concurrent Juris Doctor/Master of Taxation (J.D./M.Tax).

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 90

Course Requirements
First Year
• Law 503 Civil Procedure I (3 credits, one semester)
• Law 507 Constitutional Law I (3 credits, one semester)
• Law 501 Contracts (4 credits, one semester)
• Law 568 Criminal Law (3 credits, one semester)
• Law 514 & 515 Legal Research and Writing I & II (6 credits, two semesters)
• Law 504 Property (4 credits, one semester)
• Law 502 Torts (4 credits, one semester)
• 1 Skills course (3 credits) (courses fulfilling the Skills requirement are designated each semester by the law faculty)
• Law 577 - Civil Procedure II (3 credits)

Upper Level (Second and Third Years)
• Law 603 Legal Profession (3 credits, one semester)
• 1 Skills course (3 credits) and 1 Writing course (2-3 credits) (courses fulfilling the Skills and Writing requirements are designated each semester by the law faculty)

Otherwise, students have free choice of elective courses to complete the remainder of their credit hours.

Other Academic Requirements
For the Juris Doctor degree, the requirements are: (1) successful completion of 90 credit hours of law courses (70 of which must be graded credit hours and 75 of which must come from courses that meet in regularly-scheduled classroom hours), including the courses specifically required for graduation, and (2) an overall grade-point average of 2.00 (C) or better. The curriculum and courses required for graduation are subject to change at any time without prior notice at the direction of the law faculty.

Specializations
• Concentration - Business Law
• Concentration - Criminal Law
• Concentration - Remote Sensing/Air/Space