

SCHOOL OF LAW

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Admission Policies

The University of Mississippi School of Law requires that every applicant take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), register for the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS) and earn a bachelor's degree from a regionally or nationally accredited college or university prior to matriculation.

Academic Regulations

College/School-wide Degree Requirements

Core Curriculum For the Juris Doctor degree, the requirements are: (1) six semesters of resident study, (2) successful completion of 90 credit hours of law courses (75 of which must be graded credit hours), including the courses specifically required for graduation, and (3) an overall grade-point average of 2.00 (C) or better. The law school curriculum and courses required for graduation are subject to change at any time without prior notice at the direction of the law faculty.

Required courses are: First Year: Law 501, Law 502, Law 503, Law 504, Law 507, Law 514, Law 515 and Law 568. Second and Third Years: Law 603, a Skills course and a Writing course (courses fulfilling this requirement are designated each semester by the law faculty).

Six semester of resident study (full-time attendance equivalency) are required. Credit for a full semester's residence can be earned only if the student is enrolled for an entire semester for at least 10 semester hours and passes at least 9 of those hours. Two full summer semesters may be substituted for one regular semester.

Course Loads A student is permitted to take no more than 16 hours of work in any semester and no more than 10 semester of work in any summer session with permission of the associate dean.

Any student desiring to take less than 31 hours during the first year or fewer than 10 hours during any subsequent semester must receive advance approval from the law faculty, unless the student in the last semester of enrollment and needs less than 10 hours for graduation. Such approval is only available if students have satisfied the six-semester residency requirement as stated above.

Credit from Other Institutions Students who obtain prior permission may enroll in classes at other ABA- approved institutions as visiting students. Transfer course work completed with a grade of "C" or better will be credited toward the Juris Doctor degree. The School of Law will accept up to 30 transfer hours.

Advising

The law registrar regularly advises students, and some law faculty participate in this process as well, especially during priority registration. The school of law does not require academic advising.

Selecting and Changing Majors

There are no majors in law study, although students may obtain a Concentration in Criminal Law, which is designed to provide students with broad-based exposure to concepts, topics and skills vital to criminal law practitioners and to prepare students for careers in criminal law; and/or a Concentration in Remote Sensing, Air and Space Law, which provides students with specialized study in the fields of remote sensing, air and space law and to prepare students for careers in federal and international law and technology-related areas.

Honor Code Policy

Law students must abide by the honor code of the School of Law, which governs the professional conduct of law students during their academic study. The code is administered by the Honor Council, which investigates the matter and conducts a hearing, if necessary.

