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Juris Doctor

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)
- A 3-hour elective as determined by law faculty (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.

Sample Traditional Curriculum for J.D.

Year 1 (all courses required)

Description	Fall	Spring	Any
Civil Procedure I		3	
Constitutional Law		3	
Contracts	4		
Criminal Law		3	
Legal Writing and Research	3	3	
Property	4		
Torts	4		
Contract Negotiation and Drafting (skills)			3
3-hour elective		3	

Year 2

Description	Fall	Spring	Any
Civil Procedure II	3		
Constitutional Law II	3		
Criminal Procedure I		3	
Environmental Law	3		
Evidence	4		
Federal Trial Practice (skills)		3	
Intellectual Property	3		
Income Taxation of Individuals		3	
Legal Profession (required)		3	
Secured Transactions		3	

Year 3

Description	Fall	Spring	Any
Administrative Law	3		

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Description	Fall	Spring	Any
Bankruptcy	3		
Copyright Law		3	
Civil Legal Clinic	4		
Depositions (skills)		3	
Gaming Law (writing)	3		
Innocence Project		4	
Pro Bono Service		1	
Moot Court Board/Law Journal		4 (earned over Year 2 and Year 3)	
Wills and Estates	3		

*Note: Other than the required courses indicated above, students may choose from a large variety of elective courses to complete their law degree.

Sample 24-Month Curriculum for J.D.

First Summer

Description	Fall	Spring	Intersession or Summer
Civil Procedure I		3	
Criminal Law		3	

First Fall

Description	Fall	Spring	Intersession or Summer
Civil Procedure II	3		
Contracts	3		
Legal Writing and Research	3		
Property	3		
Torts	3		

First Spring

Description	Fall	Spring	Intersession or Summer
Contracts		3	
Contract Negotiation and Drafting (skills)		3	
Constitutional Law		3	
Legal Profession		3	
Legal Writing and Research		3	
Torts		3	

Second Summer

Description	Fall	Spring	Intersession or Summer
Bankruptcy			3
Environmental Law			3
Federal Trial Practice (skills)			3
Income Taxation of Individuals			3
Interviewing and Counseling (skills)			3
Secured Transactions			3

Second Fall

Description	Fall	Spring	Intersession or Summer
Constitutional Law II	3		
Evidence	3		
Gaming Law (writing)	3		
Intellectual Property	3		
Wills and Estates	3		

Second Spring

Description	Fall	Spring	Intersession or Summer
Administrative Law		3	

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Description	Fall	Spring	Intersession or Summer
Copyright Law	3		
Criminal Procedure I	3		
Depositions (skills)	3		
Innocence Project	3		

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.

Concentration - Business Law

Description

The concentration in business law is designed to establish a useful framework for guiding students who have a particular interest in business law and paths for developing a practice-ready skill set.

Course Requirements

A student must complete 27 credit hours in business law subjects. At least 18 credit hours in core courses (Corporations 603, Bankruptcy 558, Secured Transactions 571, Income Taxation of Individuals 613, Income Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders 633 or Partnership Taxation 634, and Intellectual Property 580 or Corporate Finance 606 or Securities Regulations 650 are required. The remainder of the credit hours can be fulfilled by taking courses from a list of approved elective courses:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution 651
- Antitrust Law 621
- Banking Law 607
- Bankruptcy Reorganization Seminar 622
- Business Planning 629
- Commercial Paper 694
- Copyright Law 657
- Deferred Compensation 660
- Disability Law and Policy 717
- Employee Benefits Law 728
- Employer-Employee Relations 645
- Employment Discrimination 640
- Energy Law 746
- Entertainment Law 581
- Estate Planning 682
- Federal Taxation of Gratuitous Transfers 626
- Gaming Law 661
- Income Taxation II 702
- Insurance 559
- International Commercial Arbitration 722
- International Finance 543
- International Intellectual Property 732
- International Law 620
- International Trade 575
- International Trade and Commercial (SLT)
- Labor Arbitration Law 624
- Labor Law I 614
- Labor Law II 617
- Law and Economics 576
- Legal Accounting 573
- Mutual Fund and Hedge Fund Regulation (SLT)
- Oil and Gas 609
- Sports Law 709
- Tax Problems 623
- Workers' Compensation 618

As appropriate, additional courses and Selected Legal Topic courses focusing on business law may also be included in this category on a case-by-case basis.

Other Academic Requirements

A cumulative grade-point average of 2.5 in all concentration courses with no grade lower than a “C” must be achieved in order to successfully complete the

concentration. Students earning a cumulative grade-point average of 3.2 or higher in all concentration courses will have “with honors” reflected on their certificates.

Degree Requirements

The academic regulations for this degree program, as entered in the University of Mississippi Catalog, are in effect for the current or selected academic year and semester. The University of Mississippi reserves the right to 1) change or withdraw courses; 2) change rules for registration, instruction, and graduation; and 3) change other regulations affecting the student body at any time.

Juris Doctor

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
Law 501	3	Complete Law 501 with a passing grade.
Law 502	4	Complete Law 502 with a passing grade.
Law 503	3	Complete Law 503 with a passing grade.
Law 504	4	Complete Law 504 with a passing grade.
Law 507	4	Complete Law 507 with a passing grade.
Law 514	3	Complete Law 514 with a passing grade.
Law 515	3	Complete Law 515 with a passing grade.
Law 568	3	Complete Law 568 with a passing grade.
Law 603	3	Complete Law 603 with a passing grade.
Skills course	6	
Writing course	3	
Three-hour elective	3	Complete 3 hours of elective coursework.
75 regularly scheduled hours		Please contact your advisor for more information regarding this requirement.

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REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
Law 601	3	Complete Law 601 with a passing grade.
Law 558	3	Complete Law 558 with a passing grade.
Law 571	3	Complete Law 571 with a passing grade.
Law 613	3	Complete Law 613 with a passing grade.
Law 633 or 634	3	Complete either Law 633 or Law 634 with a passing grade.
Law 580, 606, or 650	3	Complete either Law 580, 606, or 650 with a passing grade.
9 hrs of electives	9	Complete 9 hours of electives chosen from the following: Law 543, 559, 573, 575, 576, 581, 607, 609, 614, 617, 618, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 626, 629, 640, 645, 651, 657, 660, 661, 682, 694, 702, 709, 717, 722, 728, 732, and 746.

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