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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)
- Law 577 - Civil Procedure II (3 credits)

Upper Level (Second and Third Years)
- Law 603 Legal Profession (3 credits, one semester)
- Law 600 Evidence (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.

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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
The business law concentration recognizes a student's strong emphasis in the business law field. A student may be recognized for a concentration in business law by satisfying the following requirements:

1. Successfully completing 6 core courses;
2. Successfully completing at least 3 intensive credit hours;
3. Successfully obtaining at least 24 credit hours in core courses, intensive courses and other eligible courses.

Due to scheduling constraints and prerequisites, students must plan carefully in order to complete the concentration. For example, Income Taxation of Individuals, a core course, is a prerequisite for both Partnership Taxation and Income Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders, and a student must take at least one of the latter to complete the concentration.

Core courses, intensive credit hours, and other eligible courses are listed below. Each core course is offered at least one term each year (for each of core courses 5 and 6, at least one of the eligible courses is offered each year), but others listed below may not be offered every year. A list of the specific courses offered in any given term that may count toward the business law concentration will be disseminated prior to enrollment for that term.

Core Courses
1. Corporations 601
2. Bankruptcy 558
3. Secured Transactions 571
4. Income Taxation of Individuals 613
5. Either Partnership Tax 634 or Income Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders 633
6. One of: Business Planning 629, Corporate Finance Law 606, Essential Business Concepts 670/672/672, Intellectual Property 580, Real Estate Transactions (SLT), or Securities Regulation 650

Intensive Credit Hours

1. Business Planning
2. Income Tax Clinic
3. Transactional Law Clinic
4. Any of the following provided that it has been approved by the designated faculty member for the concentration prior to enrollment for the term in which the credits are earned:
   ○ Externship*
   ○ Individual Study
   ○ Writing class that satisfies the upper-level writing requirement
   ○ Skills class

* Externship must be related to business law.

Other Eligible Courses

- Antitrust Law 621 (2-3)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution 651 (2-3)
- Banking Law 607 (2-3)
- Bankruptcy Reorganization Seminar 622 (3)
- Business Planning 629 (1-3)
- Climate Change and Policy 738 (3)
- Clinics: Tax Clinic 768 (3)
- Clinics: Transactional 725 (3)
- Commercial Paper 694 (2-3)
- Copyright Law 657 (3)
- Corporate Finance Law 606 (3)
- Deferred Compensation 660 (3)
- Disability Law and Policy 717 (2-3)
- Employee Benefits 728 (3)
- Employer-Employee Relations 645 (3)
- Employment Discrimination 640 (2-3)
- Energy Law 746 (3)
- Entertainment Law 709 (3)
- Essential Business Concepts
- Accounting 670 (1)
- Analytic Methods 671 (1)
- Capital Structure and Valuation 672 (1)
- Federal Taxation of Gratuitous Transfers 626 (2-3)
- Gaming Law 661 (2-3)
- Income Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders 633 (3)
- Income Tax II 702 (3)
- Insurance 559 (2-3)
- Intellectual Property 580 (2-3)
- International Commercial Arbitration 722 (3)
- International Finance 543 (3)
- International Intellectual Property 732 (2-3)
- International Law 620 (2-3)
- International Trade 575 (2-3)
- International Commercial Arbitration 722 (3)
- Labor Law 614 (3)
- Law and Economics 576 (2-3)
- Legal Accounting 573 (1-3)
- Oil and Gas 609 (2-3)
- Partnership Taxation 634 (1-3)
- Securities Regulation 650 (3)
- Sports Law I (Intercollegiate Sports) 647 (3)
- Sports Law II (Professional Sports) 755 (2-3)
- Tax Problems 623 (1-3)
- Workers' Compensation 618 (2-3)

As appropriate, additional courses and advanced/special legal topics focusing on business law may be included in this category on a case-by-case basis upon approval by the designated faculty member and/or senior associate dean.

Other Academic Requirements

All credits counted for the concentration must be graded, and the student must obtain at least a 3.0 grade-point average that includes grades for all credit hours counted toward satisfying each of the three requirements set forth above.

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.

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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 577	2	Complete Law 577 with a passing grade.
Law 600	4	Complete Law 600 with a passing grade.
Law 603	3	Complete Law 603 with a passing grade.
Skills course (JD) F19	6	
Writing course (JD) F19	3	
75 regularly scheduled hours		Please contact your advisor for more information regarding this requirement.

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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.