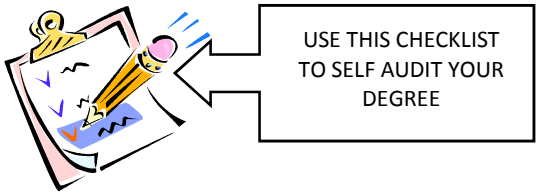
Graduation Summary for JD Candidates Entering *Prior to Fall 2011*

There are five distinct graduation requirements which must be satisfied to earn the Juris Doctor degree.

I. CURRICULAR
II. RESIDENCE
III. UNITS
IV. SCHOLASTIC STANDING
V. FILE A TIMELY GRADUATION PETITION



☐ I. Required Coursework - must complete all

COURSE	UNITS	COURSE	UNITS
☐ Civil Procedure	5	☐ Legal Ethics (or Professional Responsibility)	3
☐ Contracts	5	☐ Legal Research, Writing & Analysis	5
☐ Constitutional Law	4	☐ Professional Responsibility (or Legal Ethics)	3
☐ Criminal Procedure	3	☐ Property	4
☐ Criminal Law	4	☐ Moot Court	1
☐ Evidence	4	☐ Torts	4

☐ Upper Level Research & Writing Requirement	Must satisfactorily complete a faculty supervised, advanced research and writing project which involves "writing in a legal context," and must include "legal analysis and reasoning, legal research, and problem solving."
☐ Professional Skills Requirement	Must satisfactorily complete one upper division classroom course, clinic or externship which provides substantial instruction in professional skills other than legal research and/or legal writing. Qualifying courses noted in Class Schedule

☐ II. Residence - one of the following (check the program that applies)

☐ **Full-time Program:**

Must complete 6 regular (fall, spring) full-time semesters of 12-16 units.

OR

☐ **Part-time Program:**

Must complete 8 regular (fall, spring) part-time semesters of 8 -12 units.

OR

☐ **Part-time Students Who Accelerate Graduation**

Must complete 7 regular (fall, spring) part-time semesters of 8-12 units.
and, at least 2 or more summer sessions for an aggregate of 8 units
and, 4 of the 8 summer units but be taken in a USF summer program
and, submit the *Petition to Accelerate* to the Law Registrar by the last day to add classes of the third year.

OR

☐ **Part-time to Full-Time Converters:**

Must complete the first year in the part-time program, earning a minimum of 8 units each semester.
and, 6 units of credit in one or more USF summer sessions.
and, 4 regular (fall/spring) full-time semesters of 12-16 units
and, submit a *Petition to Change Divisions* by the last day of classes of his or her first year.

OR

☐ **Students Who Transfer to USF**

Must complete all the course, unit and residence requirements specified in the Evaluation for Advanced Study form, received at admission **and,** must meet requirements IV and V listed below.

III. Unit Requirement

Must complete a minimum of 86 total units **and,**
at least 65 completed units must be in regularly scheduled law school classroom courses (non-classroom courses are listed in the Class Schedule under Special Programs).

IV. GPA Graduation Requirements

Must attain a 2.30 or higher cumulative GPA average **and,**
attain at 2.300 or higher grade point average in at least one of the last two regular semesters prior to completeing the degree requirements.

V. File a Notice of Candidacy

Must file a notice of candidacy (graduation petition) for the Juris Doctor prior to the date designated in the official academic calendar for the year of graduation.