

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



USE THIS CHECKLIST
TO SELF AUDIT YOUR
DEGREE

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I. Required Coursework - must complete all

COURSE	UNITS	COURSE	UNITS
<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Procedure	5	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Ethics (or Professional Responsibility)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Contracts	5	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Research, Writing & Analysis	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional Law	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Responsibility (or Legal Ethics)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Procedure	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Property	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Moot Court	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Torts	4
<input type="checkbox"/> 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."		
<input type="checkbox"/> 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		

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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.