

Graduation Summary for JD Candidates Entering *Fall 2011 and Beyond*

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

I. Required Coursework - must complete all

COURSE	UNITS	COURSE	UNITS
<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Procedure	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Ethics (or Professional Responsibility)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Contracts	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Research, Writing & Analysis	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional Law	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Responsibility (or Legal Ethics)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Procedure (req'd for the Fall 13 entering class only)	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Property	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence	4	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 84 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 completing 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.