

Graduation Summary for JD Candidates Who Entered Fall 2021 and After

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"/> CA Bar Subjects** (<i>Must take at least three - see below</i>)	8-9	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Drafting	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Procedure I & II	6	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Research, Writing & Analysis I & II	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Contracts I & II	6	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Responsibility	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional Law I & II (<i>2nd Yr</i>)	6	<input type="checkbox"/> Property I & II (<i>2nd Yr</i>)	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Skills for Future Lawyers	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Procedure	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Torts	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Legal Analysis (<i>last year</i>)	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Experiential Learning	6		
<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."		

**Ca Bar Subjects: Community Property (2-3 units), Corporations (3 units), Remedies (3 units), and Wills & Trusts (3 units)



***Please note that a single course may only be applied to one of the following requirements: Professional Responsibility, Experiential Learning Units, or the Writing Requirement.**

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 must 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 10 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 their 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.

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III. Unit Requirement

Must complete a minimum of 87 total units **and**,
at least 64 completed units must be in regularly scheduled law school classroom courses (non-classroom courses are listed in the Class Schedule under Special Programs).

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IV. GPA Graduation Requirements

Must attain a 2.30 or higher cumulative GPA average **and**,
attain a 2.30 or higher grade point average in at least one of the last two regular (fall/spring) semesters prior to completing the degree requirements.

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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.