

Graduation Summary for JD Candidates Entering Fall 2014, Fall 2015 and Fall 2016.

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 Subject Courses** (see below)	8-13	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Drafting (req'd for Fall 2016 entering class and after)	2
<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 I & II	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional Law	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Skills (req'd for Fall 2015 and before)	one course
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Property	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Torts	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Experiential Learning (req'd for Fall 2016 entering class and after)	6		

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."

***Please note that a single course may only be used to satisfy one of the following requirements: Legal Ethics/Professional Responsibility, Professional Skills, Experiential Learning Units or the Writing Requirement.**

Professional Skills Requirement (for those who began law study prior to Fall 2016)* 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

**Fall 2015 entrants must complete a minimum of 8 units of the bar subjects listed below.
 **Fall 2016 entrants must complete a minimum of 13 units of the bar subjects listed below.
Ca Bar Substantive Courses include: Civil Procedure II (2-3 units), Contracts II (2 units), Community Property (2 units), Corporations (3-4 units), Criminal Procedure (3 units), Property II (2-3 units), Remedies (3 units), & Wills & Trusts (3 units)

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 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 64 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

For students who began law study Fall 2016 and after: Must attain a 2.40 or higher cumulative GPA average **and**, attain at 2.40 or higher grade point average in at least one of the last two regular semesters prior to completing the degree requirements.

OR

For students who began law study Fall 2015 and prior: Must attain a 2.30 or higher cumulative GPA average **and**, attain at 2.30 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.