

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: Business Associations (3 units), Community Property (2 units), Criminal Procedure II (3 units), Remedies (3 units), Torts II (3 units), and Wills & Trusts (3 units)

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***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.

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).

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.

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.