JURIS DOCTOR

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Program Overview
Our primary academic program is the Juris Doctor (JD) degree, which includes our joint degree programs: JD-MBA, JD-PhD, JD-LLM in Taxation, and JD-LLM in International Human Rights. We also offer a Two-Year JD program designed for internationally educated attorneys, as well as opportunities for transfer and visiting JD students.

JD Graduation Requirements
In order to graduate with the degree of Juris Doctor from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, each student must:

• Earn 85 semester credit hours during 6 to 7 semesters in residence at Northwestern Law.
• Complete the residency requirement (6 full-time semesters)
• Achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 2.25 (or 2.0 if two-thirds of all grades are C+ or better)
• Successfully complete all required first year courses
• Satisfy the Legal Ethics requirement
• Complete 6 credits of Experiential Learning (from a list of such courses as designated by the Curriculum Committee and identified as such at registration)
• Satisfy the Advanced Writing Requirement
• Dual degree and 2-year-JD students must fulfill additional/modified requirements as specified on their respective program pages.

JD Curriculum
The first year of study at Northwestern Law focuses on building a solid foundation in legal reasoning, analysis, and writing, as well as a thorough understanding of the structures and policies of the law.

First Year Coursework
The following required first-year courses provide a basic foundation in law and legal reasoning:

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Electives Open to First Year Students
During the Spring semester of the first year, students choose two upper-class electives that may form the basis of additional study in subsequent years. 1L electives are marked with the "Open Elective" attribute and may vary from year to year.

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Unique First Year Opportunities
• Teamwork and communication skills are strongly emphasized in classes such as Communication and Legal Reasoning, a required year-long course in which students collaborate on analytical exercises and group projects. Part of this class involves participation in the Arlyn Miner First-Year Moot Court (https://www.law.northwestern.edu/academics/curricular-offerings/practice/mootcourt/).
• At the end of the year, students may apply for a position on one of the Law School's scholarly journals (https://www.law.northwestern.edu/...
research-faculty/journals/). Selection is based on a mandatory write-on process following first-year spring semester exams, unless students are accepted through an optional 1L Provisional Membership Program for three of our six journals that takes place during the spring semester of the first year.

**Second and Third Year Curriculum**

After the first year, JD students choose elective courses to satisfy the remaining degree requirements. Students generally register for 14 to 16 credit hours each term, and cannot enroll in more than 17 credits per semester.

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**Legal Ethics (1 course)**

Students must successfully complete the legal ethics requirement by completing one (and only one) course from a list of such courses as designated by the Curriculum Committee and identified as such at registration.

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**Experiential Learning (6 credit hours)**

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Research Writing

a. A course meets the graduation requirement of a Research Writing course if a principal element of the assigned work in the course consists of substantial transactional, litigation, legislative, regulatory, public advocacy, or judicial writing of the sort that practicing lawyers do and that is assigned in a real or hypothetical practice context. This sort of writing is designated here as an "assignment."

b. Assignments meet the Professional Writing requirement if they consist of at least:
   i. A single substantial written assignment of approximately 5,000 words, written entirely by an individual student; or
   ii. Three or more written assignments completed over the course of the semester.

   1. A single assignment that requires multiple substantial revisions responding to feedback may count as multiple assignments.

   2. Although professors may permit students to write some assignments under 2(b) collaboratively, the professor must also have the opportunity to distinguish and evaluate each student’s individual writing.

c. Students must receive substantial feedback on the clarity and effectiveness of the writing as well as on the substance and organization of each assignment.

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Advanced Writing Requirement (2 courses)

Students must also fulfill an upper level writing requirement in their second or third year. This requirement can be met by completing one Research Writing course plus one Professional Writing course. JDMBAs and 2-Year-JDs may satisfy the upper level writing requirement by completing either one Research Writing course or one Professional Writing course, but they may not count the writing course toward another degree requirement, such as Experiential Learning.

Research Writing

a. A course meets the graduation requirement of a Research Writing course if a principal element of the assigned work in the course consists of one or more papers totaling a minimum of 7,000 words, including footnotes, and meets the following criteria:
   - Each paper makes an argument based on research conducted by the student.
   - Each student submits a full initial draft for each paper.
   - Each student receives substantial individual feedback from the professor on the clarity and effectiveness of the writing as well as on the substance and organization of the argument in the draft.
   - Each student submits a final draft responding to the professor’s feedback.

b. Senior Research (https://www.law.northwestern.edu/academics/curricular-offerings/senior-research/) (4 credits) or a 3-credit Independent Study project (https://www.law.northwestern.edu/registrar/documents/independent_study_rules.pdf) counts as the equivalent of a Research Writing course.

c. Satisfactory completion of a journal note written with faculty supervision, certified as satisfactory by the appropriate journal editor and the faculty supervisor, counts as the equivalent of a Research Writing course.
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**Recommended Electives and Foundational Courses**

All JD students are encouraged to complete courses from the following list. The classes provide an excellent foundation for future upper level coursework:

**Recommended Foundational Electives**

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**Unique Second and Third Year Opportunities**

- Students may choose a general course of study or a concentration ([https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/law/programs/jd/concentrations/](https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/law/programs/jd/concentrations/)) in one of six areas.
- Our renowned Bluhm Legal Clinic ([https://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/](https://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/)) is one of the largest and most comprehensive in the country. The program offers training through a simulation-based curriculum, which includes the Bartlit Center for Trial Advocacy ([https://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/bartlit/](https://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/bartlit/)), the Program on Advocacy and Professionalism
Concentrations for students interested in exploring a specific area of law:

The Northwestern Law faculty has approved the following curricular concentrations for JD students. Students may enroll in more than one concentration as long as they can complete all the requirements. Students may also earn credit for summer study abroad programs offered by other American Bar Association-approved institutions.

JD Concentrations

Students who complete a concentration will receive a notation on their official transcripts after satisfying all concentration requirements. Students may enroll in more than one concentration as long as they can complete all the requirements.

The Northwestern Law faculty has approved the following curricular concentrations for students interested in exploring a specific area of law:

- Appellate Law Concentration (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/law/programs/jd/concentrations/appellate-law/)
- Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution Concentration (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/law/programs/jd/concentrations/civil-litigation/)
- Environmental Law Concentration (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/law/programs/jd/concentrations/environmental-law/)
- International Law Concentration (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/law/programs/jd/concentrations/international-law/)
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- Appellate Law Concentration (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/law/programs/jd/concentrations/appellate-law/)
- Business Enterprise Concentration (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/law/programs/jd/concentrations/business-enterprise/)
- Environmental Law Concentration (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/law/programs/jd/concentrations/environmental-law/)
- International Law Concentration (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/law/programs/jd/concentrations/international-law/)
- Technology, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Concentration (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/law/programs/jd/concentrations/technology/)

Concentration Requirements

While specific courses for each concentration necessarily differ, all concentrations have a minimum credit requirement, and require completion of at least one substantial research writing project.

Procedures

Registration/checklist forms (https://www.law.northwestern.edu/registrar/forms/) are available for each concentration from the Office of the Registrar. Students keep a copy of the form to document completion of their concentration requirements. This form is also used to certify completion of the research/writing requirement. Before students can receive a notation on their official transcripts, the faculty program director must sign the form, certifying completion of the writing requirement and approval of its relevance to the concentration.

Completed, signed concentration forms are due in the Office of the Registrar no later than the grade due date for the last term of the student’s attendance. Questions regarding procedural requirements and transcript notations should be directed to the Office of the Registrar.

For information regarding concentration requirements, contact the program director of the appropriate concentration. Should questions arise about whether a particular course is in the area of concentration, the program director will decide.

JD Courses

The following courses are open to JD students. Please note while every effort is made to ensure these lists are accurate, change is inevitable and courses may show alternate program restrictions at the time of scheduling. Courses used to satisfy graduation requirements must be designated as such at the time of registration. Not all courses are offered each year.
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