TWO-YEAR JD FOR INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS

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Program Overview
Northwestern Law is one of the first law schools in the country to offer a Two-Year JD program for foreign-educated attorneys. Students who are admitted to the program receive one year of credit (28 general law credit hours) for their foreign law degree. Two-Year JD students exclusively complete the 1L curriculum required for JD students during their first year. The second year is spent taking elective courses. Two-Year JD students are completely integrated with students in the regular JD program, but they are not eligible to participate on law journal staffs. Graduates of the Two-Year JD program receive a Juris Doctor degree from Northwestern Law.

Curriculum

Required First-Year Courses
Course | Title
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Complete all 8 courses:
BUSCOM 510 | Contracts
CONPUB 500 | Constitutional Law
CRIM 520 | Criminal Law
LAWSTUDY 540 | Communication and Legal Reasoning I
LAWSTUDY 541 | Communication and Legal Reasoning II
LITARB 530 | Civil Procedure
PPTYTORT 530 | Property
PPTYTORT 550 | Torts

Legal Ethics
Course | Title
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Select one from the following:
LITARB 599 | Legal Ethics for Litigators
LITARB 600 | Legal Ethics
LITARB 600G | Legal Ethics in a Global Legal Practice
LITARB 600L | Legal Ethics for Business Lawyers
LITARB 600P | Legal Ethics for Public Interest and Government Lawyers
LITARB 601 | Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility
LITARB 607 | Legal Ethics (ITA)
TAXLAW 685 | Tax Ethics, Opinions and Penalties

6 credits of Experiential Learning
Students must complete at least 6 credits in courses that count toward the Experiential Learning requirement, designated as such at the time of registration.

US Legal Doctrine Electives
Course | Title
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Select five courses from the following:
BUSCOM 601S | Business Associations

Writing Requirement
2-Year JD students will complete the Advanced Writing Requirement by completing either a Research Writing or a Professional Writing course, designated as such at the time of registration. 2-Year JDs may not double count a course toward the Advanced Writing Requirement and another graduate requirement, such as Experiential Learning.

Curricular Limitations
• May enroll in no more than one research seminar over the course of their program, and may not enroll in a research seminar if enrolled in Senior Research. A research seminar is a course carrying the Research Writing attribute.
• May enroll in either a maximum of four credits of clinical work or a maximum of four credits of senior research (in extraordinary cases, the Director of Research may approve an additional two credits)