

Curriculum – Juris Doctor

No longer enrolling students in this program effective August 19, 2022.

Objective: The objective of the Juris Doctor program is to prepare students for the practice of law and to take the California Bar Exam. The majority of courses emphasize substantive law using the casebook method. Advocacy, writing, and clinical courses emphasize practical skills.

Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 22.0101 Law (LL.B., J.D.)

Department of Labor Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Code: 23-1011 Lawyers

Expected Educational Outcomes: Upon successful completion of the Juris Doctor program, graduates will be able to:

1. Demonstrate understanding of key concepts of doctrinal law.
2. Demonstrate critical thinking skills by performing competent legal analysis, reasoning, legal research, and problem solving.
3. Communicate effectively orally and in writing regarding legal matters.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of the ethical rules that govern the legal profession.

Introductory Courses

<i>Course No.</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Units</i>	
LAW I401	Introduction to Law	1	
LAW I402	Legal Research and Writing	<u>2</u>	
	<i>Total Units</i>	3	3

First Year

LAW 500A/B*	Contracts	6	
LAW 501A/B*	Criminal Law	6	
LAW 502A/B*	Torts	6	
LAW 503	Law Study and Exams	<u>1</u>	
	<i>Total Units</i>	19	22

Second Year

LAW 600A/B*	Civil Procedure	6	
LAW 603A/B*	Constitutional Law	6	
LAW 601A/B*	Evidence	<u>6</u>	
	<i>Total Units</i>	18	40

Third Year

LAW 702A/B*	Real Property	6	
LAW 701A	Wills and Trusts	<u>3</u>	
	<i>Total Units</i>	9	49

Fourth Year

LAW 800A/B*	Business Organizations	6	
LAW 801A/B*	Remedies	<u>5</u>	
	<i>Total Units</i>	11	60

One-Trimester Required Classes **

LAW R500	CT	Advanced Legal Research	2	
LAW R501	CT	Advanced Legal Writing	2	
LAW R502		Community Property	3	
LAW R503		Criminal Procedure	2	
LAW R504	CT	Moot Court	2	
LAW R505		Professional Responsibility	<u>2</u>	
		<i>Total Units</i>	13	73

Electives **

<i>Total Units</i>	13	<u>86</u>
<i>Total Months:</i>	48	

- * Denotes all non-severable two-trimester courses. Both trimesters must be successfully completed to receive final A/B course grade. A/B designation is for grading purposes only.
- ** These courses will be taken during the summer session and/or the fall/spring trimesters, as the student's schedule permits.
- *** A minimum of six trimester units of the 13 elective units must satisfy practice-based skills and competency training.

Electives (Periodically/regularly offered based on student interest and faculty availability.)

<i>Course No.</i>		<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Units</i>
LAW E502-3	CT	Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Survey/Mediation	2-3
LAW E503		Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)	2
LAW E506		Bankruptcy Debtor/Creditor Law	2
LAW E508-1,2,3	CT	Clinical Education	1-3
LAW E510-1,2,3	CT	Disability Law Clinic	1-3
LAW E511	CT	Discovery Workshop	3
LAW E512		Elder Law	2
LAW E513	CT	Elder Law Clinic	2
LAW E515		Employment Law	3
LAW E516-2,3		Environmental Law	2-3
LAW E517-1,2	CT	Environmental Negotiations Competition	1-2
LAW E518		Family Law	2
LAW E519		Federal Indian Law	3
LAW E523		Immigration Law	2
LAW E524	CT	Immigration Law Clinic	2
LAW E525		Insurance Law	3
LAW E526		Intellectual Property Law	3
LAW E528	CT	Law Office Management	2
LAW E532-1,2,3	CT	Moot Court Competition	1-3
LAW E535-2	CT	Family Law Clinic	2
LAW E536		Sexual Orientation and the Law	2
LAW E537-1,2,3	CT	Small Claims Advisory Clinic	1-3
LAW E538		Internet Law	2

Electives Continued (Periodically/regularly offered based on student interest and faculty availability.)

<i>Course No.</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Units</i>
LAW E539-1,2	Survey Course on the CA Bar Exam Preparation & Skills	1-2
LAW E541	CT Trial Practice	3
LAW E544	Employment Discrimination Law	3
LAW E547	California Government and Administrative Law	2
LAW E548-2,3	CT Legal Aid Clinic	2-3
LAW E551	Governance in Context	2
LAW E552	Non-Profit Organizations Law	3
LAW E553	Jurisprudence	2
LAW E556	Energy Law and Policy	3
LAW E558	Criminal Law Practice	3
LAW E559-3	History of American Law	3
LAW E560-1,2,3	Civil Self Help Center Clinic	1-3

All elective courses are graded on a pass/fail basis.

CT = Satisfies a portion of Competency-Training graduation requirement.

**Notice to Prospective Degree Program Students
(Juris Doctor and Master of Legal Studies)**

This institution is approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education to offer degree programs. To continue to offer degree programs, this institution must meet the following requirements:

- Become institutionally accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, with the scope of the accreditation covering at least one degree program.
- Achieve accreditation candidacy or pre-accreditation, as defined in regulations, by July 1, 2017, and full accreditation by July 1, 2020.

If this institution stops pursuing accreditation, it must:

- Stop all enrollment in its degree programs, and
- Provide a teach-out to finish the educational program or provide a refund.

An institution that fails to comply with accreditation requirements by the required dates shall have its approval to offer degree programs automatically suspended.