**Residency and Degree Requirements 7.1-7.6**

7.1 The Degree of Juris Doctor (J.D.) is conferred upon:

(a) Students who have satisfied the entrance requirements and have successfully completed the full course of instruction, consisting of

1) all first-year required courses;

2) all upper-level required courses;

3) professional skills requirement; and

4) not less than 57 credit hours beyond the first year required courses; and upon

(b) Students who, having been regularly admitted to advanced standing, have satisfactorily completed that part of the course for which they were not given credit on entrance. Such students must have completed at least the final two semesters in residence. (See also Rules 2.1 - 2.5.)

7.2 A student admitted with no advanced standing is required to complete at least six semesters in residence in order to qualify for a degree.

7.3 Second- and third-year students must carry a schedule of at least 10 semester hours in order to earn a semester of residency. (See also Rule 6.2.)

7.4 Upon a showing of extraordinary personal hardship, a student who has senior standing with a grade average of at least 2.0 will be granted permission to attend another AALS accredited law school for the purpose of completing his or her third year of law school. Hours completed at that school with a grade of “C” (or equivalent) and above will be applied toward the graduation requirements at Creighton University. The student will remain subject to Creighton University Law School’s Academic Rules, including Rule 2.2 (more than 13 hours failure rule).

7.5 No more than three semesters of residency and no more than 45 credit hours may be transferred from another ABA approved law school. No credit shall be transferred for any course in which a grade of less than C was received. Except in instances of a cooperative reciprocal agreement between Creighton and another law school allowing for the transfer of no more than 6 credit hours, grades received at another law school shall not be counted in ascertaining the student’s cumulative law school average at Creighton. (See also Rule 5.4.)

7.6 All full-time students must register for at least 10 hours of Law School course work during six consecutive Fall and Spring Semesters and complete the requirements for a J.D. degree in three years. During one of a student’s last four Law School semesters, a combined degree program student may take at the partnering school or college all or part of the 10 hours required to be classified as a full-time law student. However, in order for the semester to count towards the six semester residency requirement under Rule 7.2, the student in the combined degree program must pay full-time law school tuition regardless of how many law hours the student takes. All part-time students must enroll in consecutive Fall and Spring Semesters and complete the requirements for the J.D. degree in not more than six years. Exceptions to this normal progression rule may be granted by the Dean, on a prior written request for a Temporary Withdrawal. A student who does not

7.7 (a) Students accepted into the Accelerated J.D. (AJD) program may complete the course of study for the J.D. degree no earlier than 24 months after a student has commenced law study at the law school. Students in the AJD program must attend the equivalent of six residency semesters. For AJD students only, attending summer school for 9 or more hours constitutes a residency semester under Academic Rule 7.2.

(b) Students in the AJD program may choose to step off the accelerated track and extend their J.D. program into additional terms or semesters.

(c) Students may step onto the accelerated track at the completion of their first year provided they are not on probation. Students who step onto the AJD track at the end of their first year must still attend the equivalent of six residency semesters. As with traditional AJD students, students who step onto the AJD track after their first year may count summer school as a semester in residency under Academic Rule 7.2 provided that they are enrolled in 9 or more credit hours and pay the full-time AJD tuition rate in the summer. Students who step onto the AJD track after their first year will typically graduate in August prior to the start of what would have been their traditional third year, or in December of what would have been their third traditional year. Due to limited course offerings in the summer, the School of Law cannot guarantee a student who steps onto the AJD track after their first year that they would be able to graduate in the August following their second traditional year.

(d) AJD students must comply with all academic rules not inconsistent with this Rule 7.7.

1 For students entering law school prior to May 2013, the Degree of Juris Doctor (J.D.) is conferred upon:

(a) Students who have satisfied the entrance requirements and have successfully completed the full course of instruction, consisting of all first-year required courses and not less than 60 hours beyond the first year (including all second-year required courses and the professional skills course requirement); and upon

(b) Students who, having been regularly admitted to advanced standing, have satisfactorily completed that part of the course for which they were not given credit on entrance. Such students must have completed at least the final two semesters in residence. (See also Rules 2.1 - 2.5)