

# RESIDENCY AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS 7.1-7.6

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7.1 The Degree of Juris Doctor (J.D.) is conferred, subject to approval by the faculty, upon students who have satisfied the entrance requirements and have successfully completed the full course of instruction, consisting of

- a) all first-year required courses; and
- b) not less than 58 credit hours beyond the first-year required courses, including all upper-level required courses; and the Experiential Course Requirement.

7.2 The required courses identified in 7.1 above are:

First-year required courses

Civil Procedure I & II  
 Constitutional Law  
 Contracts I & II  
 Criminal Law  
 Legal Research and Writing I & II  
 Property Law  
 Torts

Upper-level required courses

Business Associations  
 Commercial Law  
 Criminal Procedure  
 Evidence  
 Legal Research and Writing III  
 Professional Responsibility  
 Trusts and Estates  
 Comprehensive Review \*

\* Comprehensive Review is a required course for all students in the bottom third of their law class based on grade point average. The determination of class standing will be made during the term or semester when the student has completed at least 57 credit hours.

7.3 Transfer Students.

(a) 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.)

(b) Transfer Students admitted to advanced standing must satisfactorily complete the part of the degree requirements for which they were not given credit on entrance and must complete a minimum of 90 credit hours, including credit hours transferred in from another law school.

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 11 hours failure rule).

7.5 All students must enroll in consecutive Fall and Spring Semesters. Exceptions to this normal progression rule may be granted by the Dean, on a prior written request for a leave of absence. A student who does not enroll for a semester and has not received the Dean's permission to take a leave of absence will be withdrawn from the law school.

7.6 Students may complete the course of study for the J.D. degree no earlier than 24 months and no later than 84 months after a student has commenced law study at the law school.