

JURIS DOCTOR CURRICULUM

Creighton University School of Law was founded in 1904, not just to prepare lawyers but to develop leaders. To provide a powerful education, based on a solid mission statement (<https://law.creighton.edu/future-students/about/mission-statement/>) and rooted in the Jesuit Catholic tradition. We believe in the Jesuit idea of educating the whole person, of empowering our graduates to find their place in the world. The Creighton School of Law believes you must develop as a whole so that you will contribute to the greater good through leadership and service throughout your life.

MISSION STATEMENT

At Creighton School of Law, our mission is to provide the men and women of our student body intellectual challenge, academic rigor and an opportunity to develop a foundation of moral values for lifelong service in the law, to offer an environment to our faculty which encourages personal growth and scholarly achievement and to continue our long-established tradition of service to the Bar and citizens of the community.

After completing your first year at Creighton University School of Law you are required to earn 58 additional hours to graduate. To achieve that, you must take an average of 15 hours in each of your last four semesters. To reduce that number, you may take summer courses.

Experiential Learning Requirement

Students are required to complete six (6) credit hours toward the Experiential Learning requirement for graduation. Please note: LAW 345 and LAW 418 - only one can be used toward the Criminal Law Area of concentration.

Cross-cultural Competency Requirement

1. First year Orientation workshop focused on cross-cultural competency;
2. 1L Seminar module focused on cross-cultural competency;
3. All students shall successfully complete an upper-level course satisfying the Cross-cultural Competency requirement (see the list of courses below); and
4. 3L Meeting workshop focused on cross-cultural competency.

JD Curriculum requirements: 90 credits

Code	Title	Credits
FIRST YEAR		
Semster 1		
LAW 100	Introduction to Law	0
LAW 141	1L Seminar	0
LAW 103	Civil Procedure I	3
LAW 111	Contracts I	3
LAW 117	Legal Research and Writing I	2
LAW 125	Property Law	4
LAW 131	Torts	4
Semester 2		
LAW 104	Civil Procedure II	3
LAW 107	Constitutional Law	4
LAW 112	Contracts II	3
LAW 115	Criminal Law	3
LAW 118	Legal Research and Writing II	3

SECOND YEAR

Required Second-Year courses, students may take these courses in either Fall or Spring semester of the second year (limit of 18 credits per term):

LAW 203	Professional Responsibility	3
LAW 205	Legal Research and Writing III	3
LAW 335	Business Associations	3-4
LAW 341	Criminal Procedure	3
LAW 355	Evidence	3
LAW 457	Trusts and Estates	3

Electives - Choose from 300, 400, or 500-level each semester to reach 18 credits

THIRD YEAR

Recommended course for all 3L students; required course for those 3L students in the bottom 1/3 of the class.

LAW 302	Comprehensive Review	3
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Cross-cultural Competency Requirement 3

Choose three (3) credit hours from below.

Experiential Learning Requirement 6

Choose six (6) credit hours from below.

Elective Courses 28

Total Credits 90-91

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Cross-cultural Competency Courses

3 credit hours required

LAW 300	The Impact & Legacy of the Holocaust on the Law	3
LAW 306	Introduction to English Criminal Court Advocacy	2
LAW 321	Cross-cultural Competency Seminar	1-3
LAW 333	Contemporary Issues in Juvenile Law	2
LAW 346	Employment Discrimination	2-3
LAW 350	Elder Law	3
LAW 370	Immigration Law	2-3
LAW 384	International Human Rights	2
LAW 389	Race and Law	3
LAW 395	Poverty Law: Legal Needs of the Underrepresented	2
LAW 398	Employment Law	3
LAW 403	Native American Law	3
LAW 415	Bankruptcy Legal Clinic Classroom Component	1
LAW 419	Faith, Morality and Law Seminar	1
LAW 422	Classroom Component-Juvenile Justice Clinic	1
LAW 435	Selected Research Topics	1-3
LAW 437	Selected Research Topics SA/UN	1-3
LAW 440	Trademarks and Unfair Competition	2-3
LAW 445	Wrongful Convictions	3
LAW 456	Women and Law	3
LAW 520	Externship Classroom Component	1
LAW 522	Classroom Component-Milton Abrahams Legal Clinic	1
LAW 550	Pro Bono Service Distinction	0

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Experiential Learning Courses

6 credit hours required

LAW 301	Arbitration/Trial Theory	1
LAW 306	Introduction to English Criminal Court Advocacy	2
LAW 308	Advanced Trial Practice	3
LAW 310	Alternative Dispute Resolution	3
LAW 312	Advanced Legal Writing and Drafting	2,3
LAW 313	Advanced Legal Research	2
LAW 315	Arbitration	3
LAW 327	Arbitration Advocacy	3
LAW 328	Client Interviewing and Legal Counseling	3
LAW 333	Contemporary Issues in Juvenile Law	2
LAW 344	The Law and Practice of Jury Selection	2
LAW 345	Defense of Criminal Cases	2
LAW 348	Criminal Process of Adjudication	3
LAW 353	Estate Planning	2
LAW 358	Family Law Practice	3
LAW 369	Advanced Legal Clinic	1-4
LAW 372	International Business Contracting	3
LAW 378	Foreign, Comparative, and International Legal Research	2
LAW 388	Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic	1-3
LAW 404	Mediation Process	3
LAW 410	Negotiation	3
LAW 412	Bankruptcy Legal Clinic	2-4
LAW 415	Bankruptcy Legal Clinic Classroom Component	1
LAW 418	Prosecution of Criminal Cases	2
LAW 421	Juvenile Justice Clinic	3
LAW 422	Classroom Component-Juvenile Justice Clinic	1
LAW 424	Advanced Juvenile Justice Clinic	1-4
LAW 431	Scientific Evidence	3
LAW 434	Commercial Contract Drafting	3
LAW 441	Witness Examination Skills	3
LAW 445	Wrongful Convictions	3
LAW 454	Pretrial Litigation	3
LAW 455	Trial Practice	3
LAW 486	Appellate Litigation	3
LAW 500	Externships	1-6
LAW 520	Externship Classroom Component	1
LAW 522	Classroom Component-Milton Abrahams Legal Clinic	1

Code	Title	Credits
Law Non-classroom credit hour courses		
LAW 397	Cyberlaw	2
LAW 435	Selected Research Topics	1-3
LAW 485	Competitions	1-3
LAW 487	Law Review	1-3
LAW 500	Externships	1-6

Focused Legal Studies Through Concentrations

Students who wish to focus their legal studies may choose one or more concentrations to complement the JD curriculum requirements.

Students may choose to add one of the following Concentrations to their JD studies:

- Business Law (<http://catalog.creighton.edu/law/juris-doctor-curriculum/concentrations-bus-law/>)
- Criminal Law and Procedure (<http://catalog.creighton.edu/law/juris-doctor-curriculum/concentrations-crim-law-procedure/>)
- Dispute Resolution (<http://catalog.creighton.edu/law/juris-doctor-curriculum/concentrations-dispute-resolution/>)
- Energy, Environmental, and Sustainability Law (<http://catalog.creighton.edu/law/juris-doctor-curriculum/concentrations-energy/>)
- Family Law (<http://catalog.creighton.edu/law/juris-doctor-curriculum/concentrations-family-law/>)
- Health Law (<http://catalog.creighton.edu/law/juris-doctor-curriculum/concentrations-health-law/>)
- International & Comparative Law (<http://catalog.creighton.edu/law/juris-doctor-curriculum/concentrations-intl-comparative-law/>)
- Litigation (<http://catalog.creighton.edu/law/juris-doctor-curriculum/concentrations-litigation/>)
- Sports Law (<http://catalog.creighton.edu/law/juris-doctor-curriculum/concentrations-sports-law/>)