

# JURIS DOCTOR (JD)

## Overview

The Juris Doctor degree at Miami Law is a full-time program combining a rigorous academic curriculum with professional training in critical lawyering skills. The 88-credit degree program is a full-time program requiring three academic years of study.

## Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to University of Miami School of Law, an applicant must have earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university prior to enrolling at the School of Law. The Law School admits first-year J.D. students to commence studies **only in the fall semester** and **reviews applications on a rolling basis throughout the year**. Applications are reviewed as soon as all required documents are received.

## JD Curriculum Requirements\*

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>1L Required Courses</b>		<b>29</b>
LAW 11	Civil Procedure I	
LAW 12	Contracts	
LAW 13	Elements	
LAW 14	Property	
LAW 15	Torts	
LAW 16	Criminal Procedure	
LAW 17	U.S. Constitutional Law I	
LAW 19	Legal Communication and Research I	
LAW 29	Legal Communication and Research II	
<b>2 Upper Level Writing Requirements (minimum of 2 credits per requirements)</b>		<b>2-4</b>
<b>Skills Requirement (minimum of 6 credits from a list of courses designated as skills courses)</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Professional Responsibility/Ethics Requirement</b>		<b>2-3</b>
One course designated as ethics/professional responsibility course		
<b>Electives</b>		<b>48-56</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>88</b>

- \* No single course may satisfy more than one of the three graduation requirements (skills, writing and professional responsibility).
- \* Some designated courses and clinics may satisfy EITHER the skills or the writing requirement.
- \* Externships Cap: Only 9 externship credits may be counted towards the minimum 88 credits required for graduation.
- \* There are a number of ways to meet the substantial writing course requirement, including through enrolling in designated courses and seminars, and through faculty supervised independent writing credit.

## JD Curriculum Requirements for Dual/Joint Degree Programs

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>1L Required Courses</b>		<b>29</b>
LAW 11	Civil Procedure I	
LAW 12	Contracts	
LAW 13	Elements	
LAW 14	Property	
LAW 15	Torts	
LAW 16	Criminal Procedure	
LAW 17	U.S. Constitutional Law I	
LAW 19	Legal Communication and Research I	
LAW 29	Legal Communication and Research II	
<b>2 Upper Level Writing Requirements (minimum of 2 credits per requirements)</b>		<b>2-4</b>
<b>Skills Requirement (minimum of 6 credits from a list of courses designated as skills courses)</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Professional Responsibility/Ethics Requirement</b>		<b>2-3</b>
One course designated as ethics/professional responsibility course		

<b>JD Electives</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>36-50</b>
<b>Additional Electives Taken in Fulfillment of Both Dual/Joint Degrees</b> <sup>2</sup>	<b>6-12</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>88</b>

- \* No single course may satisfy more than one of the three graduation requirements (skills, writing and professional responsibility).
- \* Some designated courses and clinics may satisfy EITHER the skills or the writing requirement.
- \* Externships Cap: Only 9 externship credits may be counted towards the minimum 88 credits required for graduation.
- \* There are a number of ways to meet the substantial writing course requirement, including through enrolling in designated courses and seminars, and through faculty supervised independent writing credit.

<sup>1</sup> The number of elective credits will vary depending on other course selections and the number of electives counted from the other dual/joint degree program to meet the minimum of 88 total credit hours is required for the JD.

<sup>2</sup> The number of additional electives counted toward fulfillment of the dual/joint degree (double-counted toward each program) will vary for each dual/joint degree program. Refer to the Bulletin page for each dual/joint degree program for information on the specific number of electives that will count toward both programs.

### Curriculum Requirements: Business of Innovation, Law, and Technology Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		<b>11-12</b>
LAW 100	Business Association	
LAW 105	Federal Income Tax I	
LAW 200	Administrative Law	
<b>Distributional Courses</b>		<b>8-10</b>
Students take one course from each of the three tracks below. If a student takes more than one course from each of the three tracks listed in the Distributional Courses requirement, credits from those additional courses can be used to satisfy the Elective Courses requirements.		
<b>IP &amp; Entrepreneurship</b>		
LAW 157	Intellectual Property for Business Lawyers	
LAW 139	Patent Law	
LAW 112	Copyright Law	
LAW 132	Trademark Law	
LAW 117	Startup Law and Entrepreneurship	
<b>Regulatory &amp; Compliance</b>		
LAW 108	Antitrust	
LAW 154	Corporate Compliance and Risk Management	
LAW 119	Insurance Law	
LAW 104	Securities Regulation	
<b>Business &amp; Tax</b>		
LAW 110	Bankruptcy	
LAW 101	Commercial Law: Secured Transactions	
LAW 165	Commercial Law: Ucc	
EPL 911	Corporate Tax	
LAW 103	Corporate Tax	
TAX 948	Corporate Tax	
EPL 936	Partnership Tax	
LAW 127	Partnership Tax	
TAX 950	Partnership Tax	
<b>Approved Electives</b>		<b>6-8</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>26-28</b>

### Curriculum Requirements: Litigation and Dispute Resolution Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		<b>13</b>
LAW 208	Evidence	
LAW 211	Civil Procedure II	

or LAW 320	Substantive Criminal Law	
LAW 780	Litigation Skills I Workshop: Pretrial	
<b>Writing Requirement</b>		
At least one of the two graduation writing requirements must be litigation focused.		
<b>Additional Course Requirements</b>		<b>12</b>
One or more courses from both sub-sections A and B and at least two elective courses from sub-section C for a total of at least 12 credits.		
A. Alternative Dispute Resolution (at least one):		
LAW 223	Alternative Dispute Resolution	
LAW 972	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION: DESIGN SYSTEMS	
LAW 681	FEDERAL ARBITRATION ACT	
LAW 603	International Commercial Arbitration	
LAW 742	Mediation	
LAW 302	Negotiation	
B. Experiential (at least one):		
LAW 708	Bankruptcy Clinic I	
LAW 737	Children and Youth Law Clinic I	
LAW 773	Tenants Rights Clinic	
LAW 779	Federal Appellate Clinic I	
LAW 785	Health Rights Clinic I	
LAW 876	Litigation Skills II: Criminal Litigation	
LAW 877	Litigation Skills II: Business Litigation	
LAW 789	Innocence Clinic I	
LAW 793	Investor Rights Clinic	
LAW 797	Immigration Clinic I	
LAW 896	Externship I	
C. Approved Electives		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>25</b>

### Curriculum Requirements: Social Justice & Public Interest Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
LAW 200	Administrative Law	4
LAW 217	Constitutional Law II	4
LAW 297	LAW PRACTICE: SYSTEMIC ADVOCACY	3
or LAW 268	LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE	
<b>Distributional: Experiential Learning</b>		<b>3</b>
Students are required to take an experiential learning course offered in the list below. Three credits from any of the below offerings may be applied toward the concentration.		
Clinics		
LAW 737	Children and Youth Law Clinic I	
LAW 760	Human Rights Clinic	
LAW 765	Human Rights Clinic I	
LAW 797	Immigration Clinic I	
LAW 773	Tenants Rights Clinic	
LAW 785	Health Rights Clinic I	
LAW 789	Innocence Clinic I	
LAW 791	Children and Youth Law Clinic	
LAW 793	Investor Rights Clinic	
LAW 708	Bankruptcy Clinic I	
LAW 854	ENVIR JUSTICE CLIN PRACTICUM I	
LAW 985	Health and Elder Law Clinic: Medical Legal Partnership	
LAW 993	Investor Rights Clinic	

Externships		
LAW 896	Externship I	
LAW 897	Externship II	
LAW 898	Externship III	
Practica		
LAW 826	Cyber Civil Rights Initiative Practicum	
LAW 881	Criminal Justice Policy Reform Practicum	
LAW 711	DEATH PENALTY PRACTICUM	
LAW 799	STARTUP CLINIC	
LAW 867	COMMUNITY LAWYERING PRACTICUM	
<b>Approved Electives</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Research Requirement</b>		<b>2</b>
Students are required to engage in research and writing on social justice and public interest themes. There are two components to the research requirement:		
Students must complete at least one of the following (2 credits):		
Independent study on topic that falls within SJPI concentration, or		
Seminar paper (on topic that falls within SJPI concentration) *		
<b>Engagement and Reflection Requirement</b>		
Students are required to engage and reflect on social justice and public interest themes with their faculty advisor. Students must register for:		
LAW 852	Social Justice Research Capstone Seminar	1
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>26</b>

\* A student's SJPI advisor is expected to be available to supervise the independent study/seminar paper, or work with the student to make alternative arrangements.

### Curriculum Requirements: Social Justice & Public Interest Area of Focus

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
LAW 200 or LAW 217	Administrative Law Constitutional Law II	4
LAW 297 or LAW 268	LAW PRACTICE: SYSTEMIC ADVOCACY LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE	3
<b>Approved Track Electives</b>		<b>6</b>
Students elect one track from the following:		
Economic Justice Track		
Identity and Civil Rights Track		
Government and Political Process Track		
Practicing Social Justice Track		
<b>Research Requirement</b>		<b>2</b>
Students are required to engage in research and writing on social justice and public interest themes. There are two components to the research requirement:		
Students must complete at least one of the following (2 credits):		
Independent study on topic that falls within SJPI area of focus, or		
Seminar paper (on topic that falls within SJPI area of focus) *		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

\* A student's SJPI advisor is expected to be available to supervise the independent study/seminar paper, or work with the student to make alternative arrangements.

**Curriculum Requirements: Business Compliance and Sustainability Concentration**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
LAW 100	Business Association	4
LAW 154	Corporate Compliance and Risk Management	3
LAW 200	Administrative Law	4
<b>Distributional Courses</b>		<b>6-8</b>
LAW 103	Corporate Tax	
LAW 104	Securities Regulation	
LAW 105	Federal Income Tax I	
LAW 108	Antitrust	
LAW 109	Banking Law	
LAW 110	Bankruptcy	
LAW 164	Regulation of Broker-Dealers and Investment Advisers	
LAW 202	Employment Discrimin	
LAW 205	Labor Law	
LAW 213	Environmental Law	
LAW 231	Disability Law	
LAW 246	Employment Law	
LAW 309	International Business Transactions	
LAW 330	CLIMATE FINANCE	
LAW 335	Immigration Law	
LAW 343	Navigating Antitrust Risk	
LAW 502	HEALTH LAW: FRAUD AND ABUSE	
LAW 580	HEALTH LAW: PRACTICE AND WORKSHOP	
LAW 589	INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION LAW AND PRACTICE	
LAW 658	Mindfulness and Motivating Business Compliance with the Law	
LAW 701	Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) in College Athletics	
LAW 704	PRIVACY LAW	
LAW 751	BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS	
LAW 763	WHITE COLLAR CRIMINAL LAW	
LAW 896	Externship I	
<b>Approved Electives</b>		<b>6-8</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>23-27</b>

**Curriculum Requirements: Business Compliance and Sustainability Area of Focus**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
LAW 100	Business Association	4
LAW 154	Corporate Compliance and Risk Management	3
<b>Distributional Courses</b>		<b>1-5</b>
LAW 103	Corporate Tax	
LAW 104	Securities Regulation	
LAW 105	Federal Income Tax I	
LAW 108	Antitrust	
LAW 109	Banking Law	
LAW 110	Bankruptcy	
LAW 164	Regulation of Broker-Dealers and Investment Advisers	
LAW 200	Administrative Law	
LAW 202	Employment Discrimin	
LAW 205	Labor Law	
LAW 213	Environmental Law	

LAW 231	Disability Law	
LAW 246	Employment Law	
LAW 309	International Business Transactions	
LAW 330	CLIMATE FINANCE	
LAW 335	Immigration Law	
LAW 343	Navigating Antitrust Risk	
LAW 502	HEALTH LAW: FRAUD AND ABUSE	
LAW 580	HEALTH LAW: PRACTICE AND WORKSHOP	
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LAW 751	BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS	
LAW 763	WHITE COLLAR CRIMINAL LAW	
LAW 896	Externship I	
<b>Approved Electives</b>		<b>2-4</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>14-16</b>

### Curriculum Requirements: Environmental Law Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
LAW 200	Administrative Law	4
LAW 213	Environmental Law	3
<b>Distributional Courses</b>		<b>6</b>
LAW 253	Natural Resources	
LAW 303	Coastal Law	
LAW 318	Law of the Sea	
LAW 334	International Environmental Law	
<b>Writing Requirement</b>		<b>2</b>
Students must write a substantive research paper on an environmental law topic. This could be done as an independent study or a law review note. Writing an appellate brief in an environmental moot court competition also qualifies. With advisor approval, you may also use a seminar paper written on an environmental topic.		
<b>Approved Electives</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>25</b>

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Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
LAW 200	Administrative Law	4
LAW 213	Environmental Law	3
<b>Distributional Courses</b>		<b>3</b>
LAW 253	Natural Resources	
LAW 334	International Environmental Law	
<b>Approved Electives</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

### Curriculum Requirements: Immigration, Asylum, Citizenship Area of Focus

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Course</b>		
LAW 335	Immigration Law	3
<b>Distributional Courses</b>		<b>6-11</b>
LAW 200	Administrative Law	
LAW 217	Constitutional Law II	

LAW 236	BUSINESS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND SPORTS IMMIGRATION LAW	
LAW 383	Immigration, Ethnicity, and Public Policy	
LAW 637	Constitutionalism, Democracy, and Human Rights	
LAW 657	Advanced Immigration	
LAW 797	Immigration Clinic I	
<b>Approved Electives</b>		<b>0-5</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>

### Curriculum Requirements: Health Law Area of Focus

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
LAW 200	Administrative Law	4
LAW 755	HEALTH LAW AND POLICY	3
<b>Approved Electives</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

### Sample Plan of Study

Year One		Credit Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
LAW 11	Civil Procedure I	3
LAW 12	Contracts	4
LAW 13	Elements	3
LAW 15	Torts	4
LAW 19	Legal Communication and Research I	2
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
LAW 14	Property	4
LAW 16	Criminal Procedure	3
LAW 17	U.S. Constitutional Law I	4
LAW 29	Legal Communication and Research II	2
Elective		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Upper Level Law Courses		1-6
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Upper Level Law Courses		1-6
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Year Three</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Upper Level Law Courses		1-6
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Upper Level Law Courses		1-6
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>88</b>

## **Mission**

The University of Miami School of Law J.D. program offers graduate training culminating in a Juris Doctor in Law. It is the mission of the School of Law is to use legal training and knowledge to produce lawyer-citizens who understand the perpetually dynamic nature of modern legal practice, and who exercise democratic values, problem-solving skills, and leadership capabilities in whatever positions they assume.

In fulfilling this mission, members of the School of Law are committed to community engagement, intellectual rigor, student development, diversity, and innovation.

## **Student Learning Outcomes**

1. Students will demonstrate advanced proficiency in high-level legal reasoning, fact analysis, and critical thinking.
2. Students will demonstrate advanced proficiency in written and oral communications as it relates to the discipline.
3. Students will demonstrate advanced knowledge of the ethical responsibilities of a lawyer, and demonstrate advanced proficiency in analyzing and applying the rules of professional responsibility.