

Student's Name _____

Use this form to track your progress towards your Juris Doctor degree. You can also view your progress online by using the "Degree Progress Report" in Campus Connect.

General Degree Requirements

- Total Credits:** Students must earn 86 credits to complete the Juris Doctor degree.
- Course Load:** Full-time students typically take 14 or 15 credit hours per semester (minimum of 12, maximum of 16). Part-time students typically take 10 or 11 credit hours per semester (minimum of 9, maximum of 12). J-Term credits and Study Abroad trips over the winter intersession and spring break all count toward Spring semester caps.
- Non-classroom Credit Hours:** With the exception of students enrolled in the Third Year in Practice (3YP) program, a JD student may earn a maximum of 12 credit hours for non-classroom (indirect instruction) courses. A list of non-classroom courses is on the [University Catalog](#).
- Online Course Credit Limit:** JD students may earn a maximum of 28 credit hours toward the JD degree for distance education courses.

Core Curriculum

- Law 101 ALS (not required before 2019)
- Law 105 Contracts
- Law 112 LARC I
- Law 119 LARC II
- Law 120 Civil Procedure
- Law 130 Preparing for Practice I
- Law 131 Preparing for Practice II
- Law 140 Constitutional Law
- Law 160 Property
- Law 170 Tort Law
- Law 506 Criminal Law

Upper-Level Required Courses

- Law 115 LARC III
- Law 481 Legal Profession
- Experiential Education: 6 credits
- Advanced Writing Course

Approved Experiential Education Courses

- Law 213 Domestic Violence Practicum
- Law 238 Transnational Civil Litigation Drafting
- Law 246 Patent and Trademark Searching
- Law 286 International Human Rights Law Practicum
- Law 287 Advanced Intl. Human Rights Law Practicum
- Law 290 Anatomy of a Deal: From Inception to Closing
- Law 319 Prosecuting & Defending Criminal Cases
- Law 363 Restorative Justice Practices
- Law 369 Litigation Lab
- Law 400 Business Transactions and Documentation
- Law 419 Litigation Strategy: Pre-Trial, Civil
- Law 429 Legal Clinic I & Law 514 Legal Clinic II
- Law 438 Mediation
- Law 450 Trial Advocacy I & Law 312 Trial Advocacy II
- Law 453 Commercial Arbitration
- Law 460 Business Planning
- Law 469 Litigation Strategy: Intellectual Property
- Law 475 Negotiations
- Law 524 Externship & Law 564 Externship Seminar
- Law 538 National Trial Team
- Law 548 Advanced Mediation: Lawyer as Mediator
- Law 555 Advanced Legal Research
- Law 567 Field Clinic & Law 566 Field Clinic Seminar
- Law 641 Practical Legal Research
- Law 712 The Practice of Health Care Law
- Law 751 Health Law Moot Court

Approved Advanced Writing Courses

- Law 250 Senior Research Seminar
- Law 227 Children's Human Rights Under Intl. Law
- Law 258 Women's Human Rights Under Intl. Law
- Law 379 Tax Research and Writing
- Law 427 Appellate Technique
- Law 428 Independent Study
- Law 429/514 Legal Clinic I/II: Advanced Criminal Appeals
- Law 455 Legal Drafting
- Law 559 Madrid, Spain: Master's Thesis

Highly Recommended Courses

The DePaul Curriculum Committee recommends that every student take a significant number of classes from the following list, both because the classes provide foundational knowledge that is useful to lawyers across a wide array of practice areas and because the classes cover topics tested on the bar exam.

- Law 102 Business Organizations
- Law 220 Advanced Civil Procedure
- Law 304 Sales
- Law 305 Secured Transactions
- Law 308 Wills and Trusts
- Law 410 Evidence
- Law 420 Real Estate Transactions
- Law 477 First Amendment: Freedom of Speech and Religion
- Law 508 Administrative Law
- Law 518 Criminal Procedure I: Investigation

Subjects Tested on the Illinois Bar Exam and Corresponding DePaul Courses

Multistate Bar Exam (MBE): The MBE is a six-hour, 200-question multiple-choice exam that is administered by every U.S. jurisdiction except Louisiana and Puerto Rico. If you take the bar exam in a jurisdiction that uses the MBE, you will get questions on the following subjects: Federal Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, and Torts. In addition to DePaul's core curriculum, the following DePaul courses cover MBE-tested subjects, and are recommended in addition to a test-preparation course:

- Law 220 Advanced Civil Procedure
- Law 304 Sales
- Law 410 Evidence
- Law 420 Real Estate Transactions
- Law 477 First Amendment: Freedom of Speech and Religion
- Law 508 Administrative Law
- Law 518 Criminal Procedure I: Investigation

Multistate Essay Exam (MEE): The MEE is tested in all but 15 U.S. jurisdictions and consists of six 30-minute essay questions. If you take the bar exam in a jurisdiction that uses the MEE, you may get essay questions on any of the MBE-tested subjects listed above or on any of the following subjects: Business Associations (Agency, Partnerships, Corporations), Conflict of Laws, Family Law, Secured Transactions (UCC Art. 9), Trusts and Estates. In addition to the courses listed above, the following DePaul courses cover MEE-tested subjects, and are recommended in addition to a test-preparation course:

- Law 102 Business Organizations
- Law 305 Secured Transactions
- Law 308 Wills & Trusts