

JURIS DOCTOR: RESIDENTIAL (J.D.)

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Description

Our juris doctor program is rooted in practice-oriented instruction, featuring courses taught by renowned faculty – many of whom have extensive practice experience – as well as five live-client clinics and a far-reaching legal residency (externship) program that provide substantive real-world, hands-on experience. Qualified students can also take part in the Daniel Webster Scholar program, the only program in the country allowing students to graduate client-ready without the need to take the traditional two-day bar exam.

JD students can choose from a robust selection of courses and opt for a curricular track focused on:

- Business Law
- Criminal Law
- Intellectual Property: Patent Law
- Intellectual Property: Trademarks and Copyright
- Sports and Entertainment Law
- Litigation
- Public Interest and Social Justice

Offerings also include dual degrees in partnership with UNH, including JD/MBA, JD/MSW, and JD/MPP, as well as several joint degrees, including JD/LLM in Intellectual Property, and JD/LLM in Commerce and Technology.

In addition, our curriculum allows JD or joint degree candidates to specialize further by earning a JD certificate in a specific area of study:

- JD or dual degree candidates with an interest in sports and entertainment can pursue a JD certificate in sports law, entertainment law or sports and entertainment law from the Sports and Entertainment Law Institute.
- JD and joint degree candidates specializing in intellectual property may opt for a Franklin Pierce Intellectual Property Law JD certificate.
- Students interested in shaping innovative health care policies and research may earn a JD certificate of health law and policy.

Requirements

Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
LCR 905	Criminal Law	3
LGP 909	Civil Procedure	4
LGP 918	Constitutional Law I	3
LGP 900	The Legal Profession	1
LGP 920	Contracts	4
LGP 952	Property	4
LGP 960	Torts	3
LSK 921	Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research I	3
LSK 922	Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research II	3
Perspectives Course		

LPI 912	Fundamentals of Law Practice	3
or LIP 944	Fundamentals of Intellectual Property	
Upper Level Required Courses		
LGP 921	Constitutional Law II	3
LGP 951	Professional Responsibility	3
Upper Level Writing Requirement		2
Upper Level Experiential Learning Requirement		6
Elective Courses		40
Total Credits		85

Degree Plan

Sample Degree Plan

This sample degree plan serves as a general guide; students collaborate with their academic advisor to develop a personalized degree plan to meet their academic goals and program requirements.

First Year

Fall		Credits
LGP 909	Civil Procedure	4
LGP 920	Contracts	4
LSK 921	Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research I	3
LGP 900	The Legal Profession	1
LGP 960	Torts	3
Credits		15

Spring

LGP 918	Constitutional Law I	3
LCR 905	Criminal Law	3
LPI 912	Fundamentals of Law Practice	3
or LIP 944	or Fundamentals of Intellectual Property	
LSK 922	Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research II	3
LGP 952	Property	4
Credits		16

Second Year

Fall		
LGP 921	Constitutional Law II	3
LGP 951	Professional Responsibility	3
LGP 921 & LGP 951 may be completed in subsequent terms. It is suggested to complete LGP 951 during the 2L year of study		
Elective Courses		8-11
Credits		14-17

Spring

Upper Level Writing Requirement		2 - 3
Experiential Learning Requirement		6
Elective Courses		6-8
Credits		14-17

Third Year

Fall		
Elective Courses		13-17
Remaining Required Courses in Third Year		

Credits		13-17
Spring		
Elective Courses		13-17

Remaining Required Courses in Third Year	
Credits	13-17
Total Credits	85-99

Student Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcomes

- Legal analysis and reasoning: Graduates will be able to identify, comprehend, and apply the relevant substantive and procedural laws to solve a legal issue, informed by an understanding of the diversity of viewpoints on and contexts for any issue.
- Written and oral communication: Graduates will be able to present material effectively in these formats for both objective analytical and advocacy purposes across a range of settings, including in the courtroom.
- Professionalism: Graduates will be able to act in an ethical, respectful, and self-aware manner with all other stakeholders, including clients, employers, and the court.
- Legal research: Graduates will be able to navigate and assess relevant legal authorities using appropriate tools.
- Public service: Graduates will be able to contribute productively to strengthening the justice system, with a sensitivity toward the needs of people facing societal barriers.
- Problem solving: Graduates will be able to engage in focused and pragmatic collaboration toward goals.
- Client counseling and management: Graduates will be able to provide trustworthy and responsive action upon clients' matters.
- Factual investigation and analysis: Graduates will be able to implement a strategic plan for information-gathering, which includes the ability to iterate on the plan as needed, and evaluate the results of the information obtained.