

JURIS DOCTOR: RESIDENTIAL (J.D.)

<https://law.unh.edu/program/jd/juris-doctor>

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

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| 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 or LIP 944 | Fundamentals of Law Practice Fundamentals of Intellectual Property | 3 |

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| 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

First Year

| Fall | | Credits |
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| 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

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

Second Year

Fall

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| 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

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| Elective Courses | 8-11 |
| Credits | 14-17 |

Spring

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

Third Year

Fall

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| Elective Courses | 13-17 |
| Remaining Required Courses in Third Year | |
| Credits | 13-17 |

Spring

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| Elective Courses | 13-17 |
| Remaining Required Courses in Third Year | |
| Credits | 13-17 |

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| Total Credits | 85-99 |
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Student 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.