CUNY SCHOOL OF LAW

J.D. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FULL-TIME STUDENT QUICK GUIDE

For Students Starting After Fall 2023

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

- All J.D. students must take a minimum of 86 total credits.
- Full-Time Students: Should take 12 to 16 credits per semester..

FIRST-YEAR COURSE REQUIREMENTS

All J.D. students should complete all first-year courses by the end of their second year:

- Lawyering Seminar I
- Legal Research
- Contracts (LME) I
- Criminal Law
- LEDP
- Lawyering Seminar II
- Contracts (LME) II
- Critical Race Theory
- Civil Procedure
- Torts

THIRD & FOURTH YEAR COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Clinic
- Core Doctrine & ALA**
- Professional Responsibility

SECOND-YEAR COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Constitutional Structures
- Evidence (LAPI)
- Public Institutions
- Lawyering Seminar III
- Property
- Professional Responsibility*

BAR ELECTIVES

All J.D. students are required to complete at least 4 of the following courses:***

- Advanced Civil Procedure
- Business Associations
- Civil Procedure II
- Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
- Criminal Procedure: Investigation
- Federal Courts
- First Amendment
- Law and Family Relations
- New York Domestic Relations Law
- New York Practice
- Real Estate
- UCC Survey
- Wills, Trusts, & Estates

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REGISTRATION NOTES

- Students must complete Professional Responsibility in either their second or third year.
- Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher by the end of their fifth semester may opt out of this requirement and take additional elective credits to satisfy graduation requirements
- Full-time students can waive the bar elective requirements if they have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher after their third semester.

DISTANCE LEARNING (ONLINE CLASSES) RULES

• Only 15 online course credits will count towards the J.D. degree.

IMPORTANT LINKS

- Registrar: https://www.law.cuny.edu/ academics/registrar/
- Forms: https://www.law.cuny.edu/ academics/registrar/registration-forms/
- Bar Info: https://www.law.cuny.edu/ academics/academic-resources-support/ bar-exam-support/
- Academic Calendar: https:// www.law.cuny.edu/academics/ academic-calendar/

ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT

Students are encouraged to meet with the academic advising manager to help ensure graduation requirements are being fulfilled.

To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code:



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