ACADEMIC ADVISING FOR JDs – JD DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Credits Required 135
1st Year 47
Professional Responsibility 4
Electives 84

Quarters Required 8 residence/full-time (12+ credits)

Public Service 2 credits
Any Clinic or Externship, or B514 Street Law

Experiential Coursework 9 credits
Classes that meet the requirement:

Any Clinic* or Externship* B533 Interviewing & Counseling E579 International and Foreign Law
A549 Advanced Legal Research B536 Drafting Business Documents Research
A597 Intensive Legal Writing Workshop B545 Deposition Practice HS25 Business Transactions In Healthcare
A599 Legal Research Methods B548 Forensics P550 Patent Prosecution
B516 International Contracting B573 Supreme Court Decision Making P577 Drafting Technology Contracts
B518 Appellate Advocacy E503 Analytic Writing T506 Tax Practice and Skills
B519 Pre-Trial Practice E508 Persuasive Writing
B520 Trial Advocacy I E511 Venture Capital Deals
B521 Trial Advocacy II E536 Small or Solo Law Practice
B523 Negotiation E550 Complex Litigation Seminar

*Not the same quarter/enrollment as for public service

Advanced Writing
1) 4 credit seminar.
2) Writing and revising a paper, brief or other writing in any course open to 2nd- or 3rd-year students, including clinics and externships which carry at least 3 credits.
3) 1-2 credits E500 Independent Advanced Writing (revision of work begun in a class, externship, or moot court competition).

Students should satisfy the Advanced Writing Requirement by the end of the second-to-last quarter of enrollment before graduation, unless they will satisfy it in a seminar or course that continues into the last quarter of enrollment.

Limitations
1) 18 credits may be earned for non-law course work or externships.
2) 8 credits in the aggregate may be earned for Law 600 C, D, E, and F (independent study, journal editing, moot court).
3) There is no maximum on non-graded course credits after the first year. However, it should be noted that membership in the Order of the Coif, the national honor society for lawyers (top 10 percent), is not available to persons who take more than 25 percent of their law school work on a non-graded basis.

Resources
JD Program Requirements:
https://www.law.washington.edu/Students/Academics/JPProgram.aspx
Becoming a Lawyer website: