ACADEMIC ADVISING FOR JDs – JD DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Credits Required 135

1st Year 48
Professional Responsibility 4
Electives 83

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*
- A549 Advanced Legal Research
- A597 Intensive Legal Writing Workshop
- A599 Legal Research Methods (formerly Legal Research II)
- B514 Street Law
- B516 International Contracting
- B518 Appellate Advocacy
- B519 Pre-Trial Practice
- B520 Trial Advocacy I
- B521 Trial Advocacy II
- B523 Negotiation
- B533 Interviewing & Counseling
- B536 Drafting Business Documents
- B545 Deposition Practice
- B548 Forensics
- B573 Supreme Court Decision Making
- B577 Drafting Technology Contracts
- ES03 Analytic Writing
- ES04 Business Transactions In Healthcare
- ES05 Business Transactions In Healthcare
- ES08 Persuasive Writing
- ES11 Venture Capital Deals
- ES36 Small or Solo Law Practice
- ES50 Complex Litigation Seminar
- ES579 International and Foreign Law
- H525 Business Transactions In Healthcare
- H525 Business Transactions In Healthcare
- P536 Music Law & Policy
- P550 Patent Prosecution
- P551 Patent Prosecution and Counseling Practicum
- P577 Drafting Technology Contracts
- T506 Tax Practice and Skills (Rural Alaskan Tax Project)
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*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/JDProgram.aspx
Becoming a Lawyer website: