

JURIS DOCTOR

The focus of the Juris Doctor is to prepare students for legal practice through the integration of legal theory and practical application throughout all three years of study.

School of Law

Admission Information (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/admission/college-school--information/law/>)

Curriculum

The curriculum consists of lockstep courses (required courses that must be taken in a prescribed sequence), advanced required courses, core curriculum electives, and general curriculum electives. In addition to providing a solid grounding in the basics of the law, the school's curriculum offers many opportunities for students to take courses in a variety of specialized areas and programs and to learn those practical skills essential to students' success in law practice. Coursework is offered *via* in-person instruction at the School of Law in Fort Worth, Texas.

The full-time program is a three-year course of study consisting of 12-week fall and spring semesters. A seven-week summer session with a limited course schedule is offered.

Lockstep Courses

All entering students must complete required lockstep courses. For the prescribed lockstep course sequence for each division, consult the School of Law Academic Standards in the Student Handbook (https://www.law.tamu.edu/_assets/docs/student-handbook-2024-2025.pdf).

Advanced Required Courses

In addition to the required lockstep courses, all students must successfully complete certain upper-level advanced requirements prior to graduation. For more information, consult the School of Law Academic Standards in the Student Handbook (https://www.law.tamu.edu/_assets/docs/student-handbook-2024-2025.pdf).

Academic Deficiency and Readmission

At the end of the first semester (fall), any student with a grade point average below 1.90 will be dismissed for academic deficiency. A student who was previously dismissed for academic deficiency and is restarting the law school program is required to have a grade point average of 2.33 at the end of the fall semester. At any time after two semesters in the law school, a student with a grade point average below 2.33 will be dismissed for academic deficiency. The School of Law Academic Standards govern probation, restart, and reapplication. For more information, consult the School of Law Academic Standards in the Student Handbook (https://www.law.tamu.edu/_assets/docs/student-handbook-2024-2025.pdf).

Program Requirements

The JD degree is conferred on students who satisfactorily complete a minimum of 90 credit hours with a cumulative grade point of 2.33 or better. In addition, each student must complete an upper-level rigorous writing requirement, a six-hour experiential requirement, and a 30-hour *pro bono* requirement. Students must complete their degree requirements within 72 months of starting law school.

First Year

| | | Semester Credit Hours |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Fall | | |
| LAW 7110 | Professional Identity | .5 |
| LAW 7001 | Analysis, Research, and Writing I | 3 |
| LAW 7005 | Civil Procedure | 4 |
| LAW 7042 | Torts | 4 |
| LAW 7418 | Legislation and Regulation | 3 |
| Semester Credit Hours | | 14.5 |

Spring

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| LAW 7017 | Contracts | 4 |
| LAW 7032 | Property | 4 |
| LAW 7002 | Analysis, Research, and Writing II | 3 |
| LAW 7007 | Alternative Dispute Resolution Survey | 1 |
| LAW 7110 | Professional Identity | .5 |
| LAW 7021 | Criminal Law | 3 |
| Semester Credit Hours | | 15.5 |

Second Year

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| LAW 7010 | Constitutional Law | 4 |
| LAW 7091 | Professional Responsibility | 3 |
| Upper level electives ^{1,2} | | 23 |
| Semester Credit Hours | | 30 |

Third Year

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| Upper level electives ^{1,2} | | 30 |
| Semester Credit Hours | | 30 |
| Total Semester Credit Hours | | 90 |

¹ Students must successfully complete a minimum of six credit hours in one or more upper-level experiential courses. As part of the six credit hours, the student must successfully complete an approved externship or a clinic that involves advising or representing one or more actual clients or serving as a third-party neutral. An experiential course must be a simulation course, a law clinic, or a field placement.

² One LARW III course is required.