

# JURIS DOCTOR (JD)

## Overview

The Juris Doctor degree at Miami Law is a full-time program combining a rigorous academic curriculum with professional training in critical lawyering skills. The 88-credit degree program is a full-time program requiring three academic years of study.

## Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to University of Miami School of Law, an applicant must have earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university prior to enrolling at the School of Law. The Law School admits first-year J.D. students to commence studies **only in the fall semester** and **reviews applications on a rolling basis throughout the year**. Applications are reviewed as soon as all required documents are received.

## JD Curriculum Requirements\*

| Code   | Title                               | Credit Hours |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>1L Required Courses</b>   |                                     | <b>29</b>    |
| LAW 11   | Civil Procedure I                   |              |
| LAW 12   | Contracts                           |              |
| LAW 13   | Elements                            |              |
| LAW 14   | Property                            |              |
| LAW 15   | Torts                               |              |
| LAW 16   | Criminal Procedure                  |              |
| LAW 17   | U.S. Constitutional Law I           |              |
| LAW 19   | Legal Communication and Research I  |              |
| LAW 29   | Legal Communication and Research II |              |
| <b>2 Upper Level Writing Requirements (minimum of 2 credits per requirements)</b>                    |                                     | <b>2-4</b>   |
| <b>Skills Requirement (minimum of 6 credits from a list of courses designated as skills courses)</b> |                                     | <b>6</b>     |
| <b>Professional Responsibility/Ethics Requirement</b>  |                                     | <b>2-3</b>   |
| One course designated as ethics/professional responsibility course                                   |                                     |              |
| <b>Electives</b>   |                                     | <b>48-56</b> |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>  |                                     | <b>88</b>    |

- \* No single course may satisfy more than one of the three graduation requirements (skills, writing and professional responsibility).
- \* Some designated courses and clinics may satisfy EITHER the skills or the writing requirement.
- \* Externships Cap: Only 9 externship credits may be counted towards the minimum 88 credits required for graduation.
- \* There are a number of ways to meet the substantial writing course requirement, including through enrolling in designated courses and seminars, and through faculty supervised independent writing credit.

## JD Curriculum Requirements for Dual/Joint Degree Programs

| Code   | Title                               | Credit Hours |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>1L Required Courses</b>   |                                     | <b>29</b>    |
| LAW 11   | Civil Procedure I                   |              |
| LAW 12   | Contracts                           |              |
| LAW 13   | Elements                            |              |
| LAW 14   | Property                            |              |
| LAW 15   | Torts                               |              |
| LAW 16   | Criminal Procedure                  |              |
| LAW 17   | U.S. Constitutional Law I           |              |
| LAW 19   | Legal Communication and Research I  |              |
| LAW 29   | Legal Communication and Research II |              |
| <b>2 Upper Level Writing Requirements (minimum of 2 credits per requirements)</b>                    |                                     | <b>2-4</b>   |
| <b>Skills Requirement (minimum of 6 credits from a list of courses designated as skills courses)</b> |                                     | <b>6</b>     |
| <b>Professional Responsibility/Ethics Requirement</b>  |                                     | <b>2-3</b>   |
| One course designated as ethics/professional responsibility course                                   |                                     |              |

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| <b>JD Electives <sup>1</sup></b>   | <b>36-50</b> |
| <b>Additional Electives Taken in Fulfillment of Both Dual/Joint Degrees <sup>2</sup></b> | <b>6-12</b>  |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>  | <b>88</b>    |

- \* No single course may satisfy more than one of the three graduation requirements (skills, writing and professional responsibility).
- \* Some designated courses and clinics may satisfy EITHER the skills or the writing requirement.
- \* Externships Cap: Only 9 externship credits may be counted towards the minimum 88 credits required for graduation.
- \* There are a number of ways to meet the substantial writing course requirement, including through enrolling in designated courses and seminars, and through faculty supervised independent writing credit.

<sup>1</sup> The number of elective credits will vary depending on other course selections and the number of electives counted from the other dual/joint degree program to meet the minimum of 88 total credit hours is required for the JD.

<sup>2</sup> The number of additional electives counted toward fulfillment of the dual/joint degree (double-counted toward each program) will vary for each dual/joint degree program. Refer to the Bulletin page for each dual/joint degree program for information on the specific number of electives that will count toward both programs.

### Curriculum Requirements: Business of Innovation, Law, and Technology Concentration

| Code  | Title                                      | Credit Hours |
|---|--|--------------|
| <b>Required Courses</b>   |  | <b>11-12</b> |
| LAW 100   | Business Association                       |              |
| LAW 105   | Federal Income Tax I                       |              |
| LAW 200   | Administrative Law                         |              |
| <b>Distributional Courses</b>   |  | <b>8-10</b>  |
| Students take one course from each of the three tracks below. If a student takes more than one course from each of the three tracks listed in the Distributional Courses requirement, credits from those additional courses can be used to satisfy the Elective Courses requirements. |  |              |
| <b>IP &amp; Entrepreneurship</b>  |  |              |
| LAW 157   | Intellectual Property for Business Lawyers |              |
| LAW 139   | Patent Law                                 |              |
| LAW 112   | Copyright Law                              |              |
| LAW 132   | Trademark Law                              |              |
| LAW 117   | Startup Law and Entrepreneurship           |              |
| <b>Regulatory &amp; Compliance</b>  |  |              |
| LAW 108   | Antitrust                                  |              |
| LAW 154   | Corporate Compliance and Risk Management   |              |
| LAW 119   | Insurance Law                              |              |
| LAW 104   | Securities Regulation                      |              |
| <b>Business &amp; Tax</b>   |  |              |
| LAW 110   | Bankruptcy                                 |              |
| LAW 101   | Commercial Law: Secured Transactions       |              |
| LAW 165   | Commercial Law: Ucc                        |              |
| EPL 911   | Corporate Tax                              |              |
| LAW 103   | Corporate Tax                              |              |
| TAX 948   | Corporate Tax                              |              |
| EPL 936   | Partnership Tax                            |              |
| LAW 127   | Partnership Tax                            |              |
| TAX 950   | Partnership Tax                            |              |
| <b>Approved Electives</b>   |  | <b>6-8</b>   |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>   |  | <b>26-28</b> |

### Curriculum Requirements: Litigation and Dispute Resolution Concentration

| Code                    | Title              | Credit Hours |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <b>Required Courses</b> |                    | <b>13</b>    |
| LAW 208                 | Evidence           |              |
| LAW 211                 | Civil Procedure II |              |

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| or LAW 320  | Substantive Criminal Law                       |           |
| LAW 780   | Litigation Skills I Workshop: Pretrial         |           |
| <b>Writing Requirement</b>  |  |           |
| At least one of the two graduation writing requirements must be litigation focused.   |  |           |
| <b>Additional Course Requirements</b>   |  | <b>12</b> |
| One or more courses from both sub-sections A and B and at least two elective courses from sub-section C for a total of at least 12 credits. |  |           |
| A. Alternative Dispute Resolution (at least one):   |  |           |
| LAW 223   | Alternative Dispute Resolution                 |           |
| LAW 972   | ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION: DESIGN SYSTEMS |           |
| LAW 681   | FEDERAL ARBITRATION ACT                        |           |
| LAW 603   | International Commercial Arbitration           |           |
| LAW 742   | Mediation                                      |           |
| LAW 302   | Negotiation                                    |           |
| B. Experiential (at least one):   |  |           |
| LAW 708   | Bankruptcy Clinic I                            |           |
| LAW 737   | Children and Youth Law Clinic I                |           |
| LAW 773   | Tenants Rights Clinic                          |           |
| LAW 779   | Federal Appellate Clinic I                     |           |
| LAW 785   | Health Rights Clinic I                         |           |
| LAW 876   | Litigation Skills II: Criminal Litigation      |           |
| LAW 877   | Litigation Skills II: Business Litigation      |           |
| LAW 789   | Innocence Clinic I                             |           |
| LAW 793   | Investor Rights Clinic                         |           |
| LAW 797   | Immigration Clinic I                           |           |
| LAW 896   | Externship I                                   |           |
| C. Approved Electives   |  |           |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>   |  | <b>25</b> |

### Curriculum Requirements: Social Justice & Public Interest Concentration

| Code  | Title  | Credit Hours |
|---|--|--------------|
| <b>Required Courses</b>   |  |              |
| LAW 200   | Administrative Law                                     | 4            |
| LAW 217   | Constitutional Law II                                  | 4            |
| LAW 297   | LAW PRACTICE: SYSTEMIC ADVOCACY                        | 3            |
| or LAW 268  | LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE                                 |              |
| <b>Distributional: Experiential Learning</b>  |  | <b>3</b>     |
| Students are required to take an experiential learning course offered in the list below. Three credits from any of the below offerings may be applied toward the concentration. |  |              |
| Clinics   |  |              |
| LAW 737   | Children and Youth Law Clinic I                        |              |
| LAW 760   | Human Rights Clinic                                    |              |
| LAW 765   | Human Rights Clinic I                                  |              |
| LAW 797   | Immigration Clinic I                                   |              |
| LAW 773   | Tenants Rights Clinic                                  |              |
| LAW 785   | Health Rights Clinic I                                 |              |
| LAW 789   | Innocence Clinic I                                     |              |
| LAW 791   | Children and Youth Law Clinic                          |              |
| LAW 793   | Investor Rights Clinic                                 |              |
| LAW 708   | Bankruptcy Clinic I                                    |              |
| LAW 854   | ENVIR JUSTICE CLIN PRACTICUM I                         |              |
| LAW 985   | Health and Elder Law Clinic: Medical Legal Partnership |              |
| LAW 993   | Investor Rights Clinic                                 |              |

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| Externships   |  |           |
| LAW 896   | Externship I                             |           |
| LAW 897   | Externship II                            |           |
| LAW 898   | Externship III                           |           |
| Practica  |  |           |
| LAW 826   | Cyber Civil Rights Initiative Practicum  |           |
| LAW 881   | Criminal Justice Policy Reform Practicum |           |
| LAW 711   | DEATH PENALTY PRACTICUM                  |           |
| LAW 799   | STARTUP CLINIC                           |           |
| LAW 867   | COMMUNITY LAWYERING PRACTICUM            |           |
| <b>Approved Electives</b>   |  | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>Research Requirement</b>   |  | <b>2</b>  |
| Students are required to engage in research and writing on social justice and public interest themes. There are two components to the research requirement: |  |           |
| Students must complete at least one of the following (2 credits):   |  |           |
| Independent study on topic that falls within SJPI concentration, or   |  |           |
| Seminar paper (on topic that falls within SJPI concentration) *   |  |           |
| <b>Engagement and Reflection Requirement</b>  |  |           |
| Students are required to engage and reflect on social justice and public interest themes with their faculty advisor. Students must register for:            |  |           |
| LAW 852   | Social Justice Research Capstone Seminar | 1         |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>   |  | <b>26</b> |

\* A student's SJPI advisor is expected to be available to supervise the independent study/seminar paper, or work with the student to make alternative arrangements.

### Curriculum Requirements: Social Justice & Public Interest Area of Focus

| Code  | Title   | Credit Hours |
|---|---|--------------|
| <b>Required Courses</b>   |   |              |
| LAW 200<br>or LAW 217   | Administrative Law<br>Constitutional Law II               | 4            |
| LAW 297<br>or LAW 268   | LAW PRACTICE: SYSTEMIC ADVOCACY<br>LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE | 3            |
| <b>Approved Track Electives</b>   |   | <b>6</b>     |
| Students elect one track from the following:  |   |              |
| Economic Justice Track  |   |              |
| Identity and Civil Rights Track   |   |              |
| Government and Political Process Track  |   |              |
| Practicing Social Justice Track   |   |              |
| <b>Research Requirement</b>   |   | <b>2</b>     |
| Students are required to engage in research and writing on social justice and public interest themes. There are two components to the research requirement: |   |              |
| Students must complete at least one of the following (2 credits):   |   |              |
| Independent study on topic that falls within SJPI area of focus, or   |   |              |
| Seminar paper (on topic that falls within SJPI area of focus) *   |   |              |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>   |   | <b>15</b>    |

\* A student's SJPI advisor is expected to be available to supervise the independent study/seminar paper, or work with the student to make alternative arrangements.

**Curriculum Requirements: Business Compliance and Sustainability Concentration**

| Code                          | Title   | Credit Hours |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------|
| <b>Required Courses</b>       |   |              |
| LAW 100                       | Business Association  | 4            |
| LAW 154                       | Corporate Compliance and Risk Management                    | 3            |
| LAW 200                       | Administrative Law  | 4            |
| <b>Distributional Courses</b> |   | <b>6-8</b>   |
| LAW 103                       | Corporate Tax   |              |
| LAW 104                       | Securities Regulation                                       |              |
| LAW 105                       | Federal Income Tax I  |              |
| LAW 108                       | Antitrust   |              |
| LAW 109                       | Banking Law   |              |
| LAW 110                       | Bankruptcy  |              |
| LAW 164                       | Regulation of Broker-Dealers and Investment Advisers        |              |
| LAW 202                       | Employment Discrimin  |              |
| LAW 205                       | Labor Law   |              |
| LAW 213                       | Environmental Law   |              |
| LAW 231                       | Disability Law  |              |
| LAW 246                       | Employment Law  |              |
| LAW 309                       | International Business Transactions                         |              |
| LAW 330                       | CLIMATE FINANCE   |              |
| LAW 335                       | Immigration Law   |              |
| LAW 343                       | Navigating Antitrust Risk                                   |              |
| LAW 502                       | HEALTH LAW: FRAUD AND ABUSE                                 |              |
| LAW 580                       | HEALTH LAW: PRACTICE AND WORKSHOP                           |              |
| LAW 589                       | INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION LAW AND PRACTICE              |              |
| LAW 658                       | Mindfulness and Motivating Business Compliance with the Law |              |
| LAW 701                       | Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) in College Athletics         |              |
| LAW 704                       | PRIVACY LAW   |              |
| LAW 751                       | BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS                                   |              |
| LAW 763                       | WHITE COLLAR CRIMINAL LAW                                   |              |
| LAW 896                       | Externship I  |              |
| <b>Approved Electives</b>     |   | <b>6-8</b>   |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>     |   | <b>23-27</b> |

**Curriculum Requirements: Business Compliance and Sustainability Area of Focus**

| Code                          | Title  | Credit Hours |
|-------------------------------|--|--------------|
| <b>Required Courses</b>       |  |              |
| LAW 100                       | Business Association                                 | 4            |
| LAW 154                       | Corporate Compliance and Risk Management             | 3            |
| <b>Distributional Courses</b> |  | <b>1-5</b>   |
| LAW 103                       | Corporate Tax  |              |
| LAW 104                       | Securities Regulation                                |              |
| LAW 105                       | Federal Income Tax I                                 |              |
| LAW 108                       | Antitrust  |              |
| LAW 109                       | Banking Law  |              |
| LAW 110                       | Bankruptcy   |              |
| LAW 164                       | Regulation of Broker-Dealers and Investment Advisers |              |
| LAW 200                       | Administrative Law                                   |              |
| LAW 202                       | Employment Discrimin                                 |              |
| LAW 205                       | Labor Law  |              |
| LAW 213                       | Environmental Law                                    |              |

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|---------------------------|---|--------------|
| LAW 231                   | Disability Law  |              |
| LAW 246                   | Employment Law  |              |
| LAW 309                   | International Business Transactions                         |              |
| LAW 330                   | CLIMATE FINANCE   |              |
| LAW 335                   | Immigration Law   |              |
| LAW 343                   | Navigating Antitrust Risk                                   |              |
| LAW 502                   | HEALTH LAW: FRAUD AND ABUSE                                 |              |
| LAW 580                   | HEALTH LAW: PRACTICE AND WORKSHOP                           |              |
| LAW 589                   | INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION LAW AND PRACTICE              |              |
| LAW 658                   | Mindfulness and Motivating Business Compliance with the Law |              |
| LAW 701                   | Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) in College Athletics         |              |
| LAW 704                   | PRIVACY LAW   |              |
| LAW 751                   | BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS                                   |              |
| LAW 763                   | WHITE COLLAR CRIMINAL LAW                                   |              |
| LAW 896                   | Externship I  |              |
| <b>Approved Electives</b> |   | <b>2-4</b>   |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b> |   | <b>14-16</b> |

### Curriculum Requirements: Environmental Law Concentration

| Code  | Title                           | Credit Hours |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Required Courses</b>   |                                 |              |
| LAW 200   | Administrative Law              | 4            |
| LAW 213   | Environmental Law               | 3            |
| <b>Distributional Courses</b>   |                                 | <b>6</b>     |
| LAW 253   | Natural Resources               |              |
| LAW 303   | Coastal Law                     |              |
| LAW 318   | Law of the Sea                  |              |
| LAW 334   | International Environmental Law |              |
| <b>Writing Requirement</b>  |                                 | <b>2</b>     |
| Students must write a substantive research paper on an environmental law topic. This could be done as an independent study or a law review note. Writing an appellate brief in an environmental moot court competition also qualifies. With advisor approval, you may also use a seminar paper written on an environmental topic. |                                 |              |
| <b>Approved Electives</b>   |                                 | <b>10</b>    |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>   |                                 | <b>25</b>    |

### Curriculum Requirements: Environmental Law Area of Focus

| Code                          | Title                           | Credit Hours |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Required Courses</b>       |                                 |              |
| LAW 200                       | Administrative Law              | 4            |
| LAW 213                       | Environmental Law               | 3            |
| <b>Distributional Courses</b> |                                 | <b>3</b>     |
| LAW 253                       | Natural Resources               |              |
| LAW 334                       | International Environmental Law |              |
| <b>Approved Electives</b>     |                                 | <b>5</b>     |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>     |                                 | <b>15</b>    |

### Curriculum Requirements: Immigration, Asylum, Citizenship Area of Focus

| Code                          | Title                 | Credit Hours |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| <b>Required Course</b>        |                       |              |
| LAW 335                       | Immigration Law       | 3            |
| <b>Distributional Courses</b> |                       | <b>6-11</b>  |
| LAW 200                       | Administrative Law    |              |
| LAW 217                       | Constitutional Law II |              |

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|---------------------------|---|------------|
| LAW 236                   | BUSINESS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND SPORTS IMMIGRATION LAW |            |
| LAW 383                   | Immigration, Ethnicity, and Public Policy           |            |
| LAW 637                   | Constitutionalism, Democracy, and Human Rights      |            |
| LAW 657                   | Advanced Immigration                                |            |
| LAW 797                   | Immigration Clinic I                                |            |
| <b>Approved Electives</b> |   | <b>0-5</b> |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b> |   | <b>14</b>  |

### Curriculum Requirements: Health Law Area of Focus

| Code                      | Title                 | Credit Hours |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| <b>Required Courses</b>   |                       |              |
| LAW 200                   | Administrative Law    | 4            |
| LAW 755                   | HEALTH LAW AND POLICY | 3            |
| <b>Approved Electives</b> |                       | <b>8</b>     |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b> |                       | <b>15</b>    |

### Sample Plan of Study

| Year One                  |                                     | Credit Hours |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Fall</b>               |                                     |              |
| LAW 11                    | Civil Procedure I                   | 3            |
| LAW 12                    | Contracts                           | 4            |
| LAW 13                    | Elements                            | 3            |
| LAW 15                    | Torts                               | 4            |
| LAW 19                    | Legal Communication and Research I  | 2            |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>       |                                     | <b>16</b>    |
| <b>Spring</b>             |                                     |              |
| LAW 14                    | Property                            | 4            |
| LAW 16                    | Criminal Procedure                  | 3            |
| LAW 17                    | U.S. Constitutional Law I           | 4            |
| LAW 29                    | Legal Communication and Research II | 2            |
| Elective                  |                                     | 3            |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>       |                                     | <b>16</b>    |
| <b>Year Two</b>           |                                     |              |
| <b>Fall</b>               |                                     |              |
| Upper Level Law Courses   |                                     | 1-6          |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>       |                                     | <b>14</b>    |
| <b>Spring</b>             |                                     |              |
| Upper Level Law Courses   |                                     | 1-6          |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>       |                                     | <b>14</b>    |
| <b>Year Three</b>         |                                     |              |
| <b>Fall</b>               |                                     |              |
| Upper Level Law Courses   |                                     | 1-6          |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>       |                                     | <b>14</b>    |
| <b>Spring</b>             |                                     |              |
| Upper Level Law Courses   |                                     | 1-6          |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>       |                                     | <b>14</b>    |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b> |                                     | <b>88</b>    |

## **Mission**

The University of Miami School of Law J.D. program offers graduate training culminating in a Juris Doctor in Law. It is the mission of the School of Law is to use legal training and knowledge to produce lawyer-citizens who understand the perpetually dynamic nature of modern legal practice, and who exercise democratic values, problem-solving skills, and leadership capabilities in whatever positions they assume.

In fulfilling this mission, members of the School of Law are committed to community engagement, intellectual rigor, student development, diversity, and innovation.

## **Student Learning Outcomes**

1. Students will demonstrate advanced proficiency in high-level legal reasoning, fact analysis, and critical thinking.
2. Students will demonstrate advanced proficiency in written and oral communications as it relates to the discipline.
3. Students will demonstrate advanced knowledge of the ethical responsibilities of a lawyer, and demonstrate advanced proficiency in analyzing and applying the rules of professional responsibility.