To be eligible for the Juris Doctor degree, a student must complete a total of 87 credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0 and must pass all required courses. Required courses are as follows:

**First year required courses (30 credits):**

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**Other upper-level courses required to graduate:**


*These two courses would be waived for students not taking the NY Bar; Federal Jurisdiction/Practice would be substituted. Please contact Registrar's Office.

Legal Profession or Professional Responsibility Seminar


One course offering substantial skill instruction from the following courses:

Simulation Courses:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Advanced Legal Writing
- Appellate Practice
- Art & Entertainment Law (effective 11/FA)
- Client Interviewing & Counseling
- Drafting
- Estate Planning II
- Fact Investigation
- Legal Issues in Medicine
- Mediation
- Negotiating for Lawyers
- Overview of Trial Advocacy
- Trial Practice I – Civil
- Trial Practice I – Criminal
- Trial Practice II – Civil
- Trial Practice II – Criminal

In-House Clinics:

- Civil Rights & Disabilities Law Clinic
- Family Violence Litigation Clinic
- Health Law Clinic
- Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic
- Securities Arbitration Clinic
- Tenant Foreclosure Project

Hybrid Clinic:

- Domestic Violence Prosecution Hybrid Clinic

Field Placements:

- Client Advocacy Field Placement: Civil and Criminal
- District Attorney Field Placement
- Government Field Placement: Environmental/Energy
- Government Field Placement: Health Law
- Judicial Field Placement
- U.S. Attorney’s Office Field Placement

Upper level writing requirement:

As a requirement for graduation, and by the end of his or her penultimate semester of law school, a student must produce a substantial legal research paper. A student may satisfy this requirement in one of the following ways:

1. By successfully completing a legal research paper under the supervision of a full-time faculty member;
2. By producing a publishable work as a member of one of the Law School’s eligible student-edited journals;
3. By successfully completing a course taught by a full-time faculty member and designated as requiring for its completion production of a paper that satisfies the writing requirement;
4. By producing a research paper in connection with any course taught by a full-time faculty member, if the faculty member determines that the paper is sufficient to satisfy the requirement.
5. By producing a work product resulting from such substantial research and writing in a clinical course taught by a full-time faculty member that the product is the equivalent of a legal research paper.
6. By producing a research report resulting from such substantial research and writing as a Sandman Fellow that the report is the equivalent of a legal research paper.