

# Curriculum Overview - in a nutshell

## College of Law

### Graduation Requirements (for students who started fall 2010 & after)

#### Courses

Constitutional Law II  
Professional Responsibility (a class in ethics)

#### Upperclass Writing: four “units” required

At least two under direct faculty supervision: (including seminars, “w” classes, externships, and clinic) or through independent research where there is direct and on-going faculty supervision.

Co-curricular: (no more than two of the four upper class writing units required for graduation may be earned in student-run, co-curricular programs such as Moot Court and the four journals.)

#### Upper Class Professional Skills<sup>1</sup> - 1 required

Satisfy the requirement of receiving ‘substantial instruction in other professional skills generally regarded as necessary for effective and responsible participation in the legal profession,’ as set forth in ABA accreditation Standard 302(a)(4) and ABA Standard Interpretations 302-2 & 302-3.

#### 2.1 cum GPA

#### 84 credit hours required

#### Limitation on Credit Hours

No student may be enrolled during any fall/spring semester for more than 15 hours, or for more than 12 hours during any summer session, for credit that will be applicable to the student’s J.D. degree. This limit may be increased to no more than 16 hours in one semester with permission from the associate dean for students.

Co-curricular and non-law course credit

A student may only apply six academic credits earned through participation in co-curricular activities and/or non-law classes.

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<sup>1</sup>Effective for the class beginning in the fall 2010.

Clinic, Legal Externships, Summer Legal Placement, British Legal Placement

No student may apply more than 15 hours of credit earned through participation in the above group of courses. However, this limit may be waived with permission of the clinic faculty and the Dean of Students in order to allow students to complete cases or other projects in progress.

30 Hour Rule (the ABA rule)

No student may earn more than a total of thirty (30) hours of credit toward the J.D. degree in any combination of course work in the following: non-law courses; clinical and non-clinical externships; independent research; supplementary writing; directed research and writing; writing tutorial; and co-curricular programs. These rules apply to joint degree candidates as well as to other students.

20 Hour rule

A student may not earn more than 20 credit hours in clinic, non-clinic externships and non-law courses.

A student may apply no more than six credit hours of independent study (research and writing or tutorials) toward their J.D. degree, and may take no more than four of those credit hours with the same faculty member. The four-credit-hour limitation may be waived by the Dean or the Dean's delegate for good cause shown.

**A student must complete the course of study required in no fewer than 27 months after the student has commenced law study.**

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