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The Drexel College of Law

Mission

Scientia, Ars, Officium (Knowledge, Skill, Duty)

Educational objectives

The educational objectives of the [Drexel College of Law](#) include knowledge of the law, training in practical skills, and commitment to professionalism. The College of Law accomplishes these objectives through the Juris Doctor degree (J.D.) offered to full-time students. Drexel College of Law offers a standard law school curriculum, to ensure that its graduates are well-equipped to pass the bar examination upon graduation and to be competent legal professionals, regardless of their particular practice areas.

About the concentrations

Drexel also builds on some of the strengths for which Drexel University is nationally known by initially offering three optional concentrations. These are areas in which there are expanding employment opportunities and a need for specialized knowledge and skills: Intellectual Property, Health, and Entrepreneurial Business. These concentrations consist not only of specialized courses taught in the classroom, but also experiential learning opportunities such as co-ops and simulations.

For additional information about the Drexel College of Law visit the College's website at <http://www.drexel.edu/law>.



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The Juris Doctor (J.D.) Degree

About the J.D. program

Students spend their first year on campus learning the foundation of legal analysis, skills, and professionalism. The program includes traditional first-year courses, such as contracts and criminal law. It also includes a comprehensive legal methods course, taught by full-time faculty, that instructs students on the fundamentals of legal writing and analysis, as well as a class on interviewing, counseling, and negotiation.

The cooperative education program

The cooperative education program allows second- and third-year students to spend two quarters at a designated placement. The goal of the program is to provide students with an integrated learning experience that will ensure that they are prepared for the complexities of modern-day practice.

Law school co-op placements average 20 hours per week for two consecutive quarters. Placements include judicial chambers, private law firms, in-house counsel offices, and non-profit organizations. Students are not paid for their work but will instead receive 5 academic credits each quarter for their co-op experiences and 2 credits for a lawyering practice seminar that must be taken in conjunction with the co-op. Students should take at least 4 other academic credits in each quarter in which they are enrolled in the co-op. Co-ops are encouraged as part of the integrated law school experience, but are not required. Students have their first opportunity for a co-op experience in the fall quarter of their second year. To ensure the appropriateness of a placement, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.500 in order to be placed in a co-op.

Examinations

Grades in many law school courses are based solely on a final examination. Most final examinations are taken at designated dates and times (e.g., 3 or 4 hours), and others are take-home examinations. Exam questions are primarily in essay format, but some questions may be in another format (e.g., multiple choice). Writing and skills classes often include multiple assignments to determine a final grade.

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Juris Doctor (J.D.) Degree

130.0 quarter credits.

Curriculum

Required Courses (First Year)

LAW 511	Introduction to Law and Legal Methods	2.0
LAW 601	Legal Methods I: Research and Writing	3.0
LAW 602	Legal Methods II: Introduction to Persuasion	2.0
LAW 603	Legal Methods III: Introduction to Oral Argument	1.0
LAW 604	Torts I	3.0
LAW 605	Torts II	4.0
LAW 606	Contracts I	4.0
LAW 607	Contracts II	3.0
LAW 608	Civil Procedure I	4.0
LAW 609	Civil Procedure II	3.0
LAW 610	Property I	4.0
LAW 611	Property II	3.0
LAW 612	Criminal Law	5.0
LAW 614	Constitutional Law I	5.0
LAW 616	Introduction to Interviewing, Negotiations, and Counseling	2.0

Required Courses (Second and Third Year)

LAW 622	Professional Responsibility	3.0
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Upper-Level Legal Writing Course Requirements*

All students are required to take at least two upper level legal writing courses. At least one of these classes must be a traditional seminar in which students write a substantial scholarly paper. Students select a minimum of one course, and up to two courses, from the following:

LAW 901	Seminar: Regulating Medical Errors	2.0
LAW 902	Seminar: Conflict in the Doctor/Patient Relationship	2.0
LAW 950 - LAW 954	Special Topics Seminar*	2.0 - 3.0
LAW 800	Independent Study*	2.0 - 3.0

With College approval, a Law Review note may be considered completion of a substantial scholarly paper, and may be used to fulfill a writing requirement.

Students may satisfy the second writing requirement with another seminar or scholarly paper, or by taking another upper level legal writing class that would focus on more professional writing projects, such as the following:

LAW 646	Employment Discrimination: A Drafting Approach	4.0
LAW 805	Drafting Legal Documents	3.0
LAW 806	Litigation Drafting	3.0
LAW 807	Appellate Advocacy	3.0
LAW 910	Seminar: Supreme Court	2.0

Skills Course Requirement (minimum 3.0 credits) *

Students select a minimum of one skills course from the following:

LAW 770	Practicum in Entrepreneurial Business Lawyering I	3.0
LAW 771	Practicum in Entrepreneurial Business Lawyering II	3.0
LAW 801	Advanced Legal Research	2.0
LAW 805	Drafting Legal Documents	3.0
LAW 806	Litigation Drafting	3.0
LAW 807	Appellate Advocacy	3.0

Statutory Course Requirement (minimum 3.0 credits) *

Students select a minimum of one statutory course from the following:

LAW 635	Sales	3.0
LAW 636	Payment Systems	3.0
LAW 637	Secured Transactions	3.0
LAW 645	Employment Discrimination	4.0
LAW 646	Employment Discrimination: A Drafting Approach	4.0
LAW 650	Federal Income Tax	4.0
LAW 651	Enterprise Tax	5.0
LAW 655	Environmental Law	4.0
LAW 660	Administrative Law	4.0
LAW 675	Bankruptcy	4.0
LAW 680	Education Law	3.0
LAW 730	Copyright	3.0
LAW 731	Trademarks and Unfair Competition	3.0

***NOTE: With approval from the College, designated Special Topics courses and Independent Studies courses may be used to fulfill any of these requirements.**

Additional Upper-Level Electives:

LAW 617	Constitutional Law II	4.0
LAW 618	First Amendment	4.0
LAW 620	Lawyering Practice Seminar	2.0
LAW 621	Co-Op	5.0
LAW 625	Criminal Procedure: Investigations	4.0
LAW 626	Criminal Procedure: Prosecution and Adjudication	3.0
LAW 630	Evidence	5.0
LAW 640	Trusts and Estates	4.0
LAW 665	Public International Law	4.0
LAW 670	Family Law	4.0
LAW 700	Health Law I: Regulating Quality and Autonomy	4.0
LAW 701	Health Law II: Regulating Cost and Access	4.0
LAW 702	Health Care Finance	3.0
LAW 703	Bioethics	3.0
LAW 650	Federal Income Tax	4.0
LAW 651	Enterprise Tax	5.0
LAW 730	Copyright	3.0
LAW 731	Trademarks and Unfair Competition	3.0
LAW 732	Patents	3.0
LAW 735	Patent Prosecution	3.0
LAW 736	Patent Litigation	3.0
LAW 737	Advanced Patents	3.0
LAW 740	Entertainment Law	3.0
LAW 760	Business Organizations	5.0
LAW 765	Law and Finance of Transactional Lawyering	4.0
LAW 766	Private Equity and Venture Capital Law	4.0
LAW 770	Practicum in Entrepreneurial Business Lawyering I	3.0
LAW 771	Practicum in Entrepreneurial Business Lawyering II	3.0
LAW 795 - LAW 799	Special Topics in Law	1.0 - 5.0
LAW 800	Independent Study	2.0
LAW 990	Law Review Staff	2.0
LAW 995	Moot Court Board	2.0