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The Earle Mack School of Law

Mission

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

Educational objectives

The educational objectives of the [Earle Mack School of Law](#) include knowledge of the law, training in practical skills, and commitment to professionalism. The Earle Mack School of Law accomplishes these objectives through the Juris Doctor degree (J.D.) offered to full-time students. The Earle Mack School 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 Earle Mack School of Law visit the College's website at <http://www.drexel.edu/law>.

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.

For additional information, visit the [The Earle Mack School of Law website](#).

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The Juris Doctor (J.D.) Degree

Admission

Admission to the Earle Mack School of Law is determined using a variety of factors evaluated by the law admissions committee. The committee evaluates the student's LSAT score, academic record (including graduate degrees), work and volunteer experience, and personal background.

To apply to the Earle Mack School of Law, prospective students need to submit information including an application, resume, personal statement, and letters of recommendation. For specific guidelines on how to apply, visit the [The Earle Mack School of Law website](#).

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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 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

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Business and Entrepreneurship Law Concentration

23.0 quarter credits (20.0 credits for J.D./MBA students)

The concentration in Business and Entrepreneurship Law offers students the opportunity to complete a series of courses that have been designed to provide both a depth of substantive knowledge and a breadth of experience with practice skills and business law practice settings. The goal of the curriculum is to enable students to enter the profession with a higher level of readiness to practice, while possessing that combination of theoretical insights and practical perspective that support a career-long life of self-reflection and learning.

In addition to traditional core courses such as Business Organizations, Enterprise Taxation, Securities Regulation, Secured Transactions and Bankruptcy, the concentration offers a series of upper-level elective courses that reflect the unique focus of the Earle Mack School of Law on entrepreneurship and technology.

Curriculum

Required Courses

LAW 760	Business Organizations	5.0
LAW 765	Law and Finance of Transactional Lawyering	4.0
LAW 651	Enterprise Taxation	5.0

Capstone Experience

Students complete one of the following three options:

LAW 770	Practicum in Entrepreneurial Business Lawyering I	3.0
LAW 771	Practicum in Entrepreneurial Business Lawyering I	3.0

or

LAW 661	Co-Op*	5.0
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*A co-op placement approved by the concentration director

or

A comparable practical learning experience approved, in writing, by the concentration director.

Approved Electives for Business and Entrepreneurship Law

Students select at least three electives (9 credits) from the following list. Students participating in the JD/MBA program must take at least two electives (6 credits) from the following list.

BUSN 501	Measuring and Maximizing Financial Performance*	3.0
LAW 637	Secured Transactions	3.0

LAW 675	Bankruptcy	4.0
LAW 705	Securities Regularization	3.0 - 4.0
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 737	Advanced Patents	3.0
LAW 740	Entertainment Law	3.0
LAW 761	Non-Profit Organizations	3.0
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 I	3.0
LAW 805	Drafting Legal Documents	3.0

*Students without some exposure to accounting are strongly encouraged to take BUSN 501.

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Health Law Concentration

23.0 quarter credits

Health law is a rapidly growing area of legal practice, reflecting a range of factors. Health care is a highly regulated industry, reflecting the billions of federal, state and private dollars spend on the delivery of health care services. Biotechnology, medicine, and the pharmaceutical industries are this region's primary economic growth markets. The "graying" of America (and Pennsylvania in particular) requires new ways of dealing with the legal and medical problems of the elderly, new ethical problems, new expectations for health care and assisted living, and compliance with a host of federal, state and local laws, ordinances, and regulations.

Curriculum

Required Courses

LAW 700	Health Law I: Regulating Quality and Autonomy	4.0
LAW 701	Health Law II: Regulating Cost and Access	4.0
LAW 702	Legal Issues in Health Care Finance	3.0
LAW 703	Bioethics	3.0

Capstone Experience

Students complete one of the following three options:

LAW 773	Health Law Practicum	5.0
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or

LAW 661	Co-Op*	5.0
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*A co-op placement approved by the concentration director

or

A comparable practical learning experience approved, in writing, by the concentration director.

Approved Electives for Health Law

Students select at least three electives (9 credits) from the following list.

LAW 660	Administrative Law	4.0
LAW 704	Food and Drug Law	4.0
LAW 705	Health Care Fraud and Abuse	3.0
LAW 706	Mental Health Care Law	3.0
LAW 707	Medical Malpractice	3.0
LAW 708	Issues in Death and Dying	3.0
LAW 709	Public Health Law	4.0

LAW 710	Products Liability	3.0
LAW 760	Business Organizations	5.0
LAW 761	Non-Profit Organizations	5.0
LAW 766	Private Equity and Venture Capital Law	4.0

*With the approval of the concentration director, other Drexel University courses may be used in fulfillment of concentration requirements.

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Intellectual Property Law Concentration

23.0 quarter credits

This concentration provides a comprehensive introduction to the principal theories of trademark law and unfair competition, patent law, copyright law, and related state and federal doctrines.

Curriculum

Required Courses

LAW 730	Copyright	3.0
LAW 731	Trademarks and Unfair Competition	3.0
LAW 732	Patents	3.0
LAW 760	Business Organizations	5.0

Capstone Experience

Students complete one of the following three options:

LAW 772	Intellectual Property Practicum	5.0
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or

LAW 661	Co-Op*	5.0
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*A co-op placement approved by the concentration director

or

A comparable practical learning experience approved, in writing, by the concentration director.

Approved Electives for Intellectual Property Law

Students select at least three electives (9 credits) from the following list.

LAW 618	First Amendment	4.0
LAW 623	Law and Economics	2.0 - 3.0
LAW 704	Food and Drug Law	4.0
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 762	Antitrust	3.0
LAW 772	Intellectual Property Practicum *	5.0

*LAW 772 can be used either to fulfil the capstone requirement or an elective requirement. The course cannot be used to fulfil both requirements.