Graduation Requirements for J.D. Degree
(Students Starting First Year Fall 2009 or Earlier)

In order to graduate with a degree of Juris Doctor, students must:

1. Complete 88 credits of which:
   - 45 credits must be completed at HUSL
   - 28 credits must be first-year required courses as follows (must be completed within the first four semesters):
     - Civil Procedure I
     - Civil Procedure II
     - Constitutional Law I
     - Contracts I
     - Contracts II
     - Criminal Law
     - Legal Research and Writing I
     - Legal Research and Writing II
     - Legal Research and Writing III (weekend program only)
     - Property
     - Torts I
   - 2 credits must be a Professional Responsibility course (or equivalent Seminar in Ethics course)
   - Two credits must be in Legal Perspectives courses (see attached list)
   - Two credits must be in Skills courses (see attached list)
   - One course must be a Seminar course
   - No more than one course can be an Independent Study
   - No more than one course can be a Practicum
   - No more than 5 credits can be Moot Court or other Competition credits
   - No more than 23 credits can be derived from the following types of courses:
     - Field Placement
     - Moot Court and other Competition
     - Law Review or Journal
     - Independent Study
     - Course Exchange or Dual Degree Course
     - Course for credit that is substantially based upon time expended outside a regularly scheduled class time at the School of Law or another ABA accredited law school. This rule does not apply to seminars, clinics which require a substantial classroom component, foreign study programs approved by the Law School or another ABA accredited law school, and courses conducted by the Law School or another ABA accredited law school in accordance with ABA standards for distance education.
   - **Academic Year Limitations:** Students may not, within the same academic year, receive credit for participating in more than one of the following:
     - Law Review
     - Hamline Journal of Public Law & Policy

     Students may not receive credit for more than one moot court or other competition team within the same academic year.
   - **Term Limitations:** Students may not earn more than 4 credits in online courses per term

2. Complete all coursework within 84 months of start of legal education

3. Be in Good Standing, including but not limited to:
   - Final Cumulative Grade Point Average (cum gpa) equal to 2.000 or higher
   - No pending disciplinary matters

4. Each J.D. candidate at Hamline University School of Law entering the law school in 2009 and thereafter is required to perform twenty-four (24) hours of pro bono service as a requirement for graduation with a J.D. degree.

5. Meet all financial obligations towards HUSL

6. Complete a *Perkins Loans Exit Interview* with the Student Accounts Office (if recipient of Perkins Loans)

7. Complete a *Graduate Employment Survey* with the Office of Career Services

8. File an *Application for Graduation* with the Office of the Registrar

Courses Meeting the Legal Perspective Graduation Requirement

Each student must take at least one legal perspectives course, which emphasizes comparative, theoretical, or historical themes. These include:

Comparative Law
Consortium Class in Equal Justice
Employment Discrimination
International Programs
- Paris/Budapest
- Rome
- London
- Jerusalem
- Norway

International Human Rights Law
International Law
Jurisprudence
Law & Bioethics
Law & Economics
Legal History
Native American Law
Restorative Justice
Seminars (as designated annually by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs)
Selected Topics Courses (as designated annually by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs)
Sexual Orientation Law

Other classes or ABA-approved international programs that cover comparative, theoretical, or historical themes will qualify, if pre-approved by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Courses Meeting the Skills Graduation Requirement

Advanced Legal Research
ADR & Technology
Advanced Legal Research
Advanced Litigation Practice
Arbitration
Clinics
Collective Bargaining and Labor Arbitration
Competitions
Dispute Resolution Practices
Extended Practicum
Lawyering Skills
Legal Advocacy
Legal Drafting
Litigation Practice
Mediation
Negotiation
Oral Advocacy
Practicums
Trial Advocacy

Other classes or ABA-approved international programs with skills components will qualify, if pre-approved by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.