

## Graduation Requirements for J.D. Degree for Students Starting Fall 2010

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
  - 34 credits must be required foundational courses as follows (must be completed within the first four semesters):
    - Civil Procedure I (2 credits)
    - Civil Procedure II (3 credits)
    - Constitutional Law I (3 credits)
    - Contracts I (2 credits)
    - Contracts II (3 credits)
    - Criminal Law (3 credits)
    - International Law (3 credits)
    - Legal Research and Writing I (2 credits)
    - Legal Research and Writing II (3 credits)
    - Legal Research and Writing III (2 credits)
    - Practice, Problem-Solving and Professionalism (2 credits)
    - Property (3 credits)
    - Torts I (3 credits)
  - 2 credits must be a Professional Responsibility course (or equivalent Seminar: Ethics course)
  - At least two credits must be earned in skills course (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 12 credits in distance education courses
  - No more than 23 credits can be derived from the following types of courses:
    - Field placement (practicum)
    - Moot court and other competition
    - Law Review or Journal
    - Independent study
    - Course exchange or dual degree courses
    - 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. Complete Pro Bono graduation requirement.
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