

J.D. REQUIREMENTS & REGISTRATION

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SERVICES

ACADEMIC SERVICES – J.D. REQUIREMENTS & REGISTRATION

Candidates for the J.D. degree are required to register for a **full-time program** (i.e. **12 credits minimum every semester**)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Refer to the following chart to determine your J.D. graduation requirements. You are encouraged to use the Degree Progress Checklist as a guide to meet your requirements (www.law.nyu.edu/academicservices/forms/).

Number of credits to graduate	First Year Curriculum	Upper-class Required Courses	Writing Requirements
83	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legislation and the Regulatory State• Contracts• Criminal• Lawyering• Procedure• Torts• First Year Elective	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constitutional Law***• Property***• Professional Responsibility <p>*** If NOT taken as a first year elective.</p>	<p>One class for <i>Option A</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>Two different classes each offering <i>Option B</i></p>

NEW WRITING REQUIREMENT RULE

Beginning with the Class of 2018 (the current 1Ls) students can satisfy the writing requirement by completing either :

- (1) an original, analytic paper of substantial length, ordinarily at least 10,000 words ('Option A');* or

- (2) two shorter pieces of writing ('Option B') that could take a variety of forms (including, for example, briefs, motions, contracts or transactional documents, policy analyses, or a series of response papers in a seminar or colloquium).

BASIC INFORMATION

After 1L year you can take:

- 3 semesters of 13 credits and
- 1 semester of 14 credits

to earn exactly 83 credits.

You must take at least 64 In-Class credits

At least 52 of those in-class credits must be with Full time faculty
Pool of 31 credits can be used for Adjunct classes

You may not take more than 19 Non-classroom credits.

ACADEMIC SERVICES – J.D. REQUIREMENTS & REGISTRATION

83 Credits to Graduate

64 In-Class Credits

includes clinic and externship seminars
and fieldwork without NCF footnote

52 In-Class Credits

in “regular classes” or
with full time and visiting faculty

31 Credits

for adjunct and
non-classroom classes

Adjunct Credits

part of the pool
of 31 that can
count toward
the 64 in-class
credits

No more than 19
non-classroom credits-
historic caps apply*

64 in-class credits + 19 non-classroom credits = 83 credits;
52 credit in “regular classes” + 31 credits in adjunct and non-classroom classes = 83 credits

*Non-classroom and NOT adjunct

Courses by another school of the University
will ONLY count towards non-classroom
credits - NOT ADJUNCT Credits

“REGULAR CLASSES”

Course Type	Credit Threshold
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• emeritus faculty• co-taught adjunct faculty with full-time academic/clinical faculty• adjunct faculty who are full-time faculty of another law school• courses required for graduation, tax courses taken by students enrolled in joint J.D./LL.M tax program, or courses at another ABA approved Law School (such as Columbia Exchange Courses*)• clinics (field work and seminar), externship (seminar only);• adjunct whose primary professional affiliation is with the Law School, and who will be present at the Law School during the time of the adjunct appointment on a full-time basis• courses designated as core by the Vice Dean and other courses designated in accordance with governance processes of the faculty	52

NON-CLASSROOM CREDIT CAPS

(NO MORE THAN 19 NON-CLASSROOM CREDITS TOWARDS THE JD)

Course Type	Credit Maximum for Each Category
<p>Per ABA rules Externship Fieldwork ALWAYS count towards NON-Classroom Credit.</p> <p><i>(Externship Fieldwork - just noted as "Externship" course type - will have an "NCF" footnote in the Schedule of Classes.)</i></p>	<p>TAKEN FROM POOL OF 19 NON-CLASSROOM CREDITS</p>

NON-CLASSROOM CREDIT CAPS

(NO MORE THAN 19 NON-CLASSROOM CREDITS TOWARDS THE JD)

Course Type	Credit Maximum for Each Category
Directed Research/Fellowship (no more than 3 credits per semester)	8
Journals/Moot Court Boards (2 credits for certain 3L editorial work)	2
Marden Competition (1 credit per semester)	4

NON-CLASSROOM CREDIT CAPS

(NO MORE THAN 19 NON-CLASSROOM CREDITS TOWARDS THE JD)

Course Type	Credit Maximum for Each Category
Non-Law Graduate Credits (which are not cross-listed) counted towards the J.D. *(courses by another school of the University will ONLY count towards Non-classroom – NOT ADJUNCT Credits)	12
Research Assistantships (no more than 2 credits per semester)	4
Teaching Assistantships	2

POOL OF 31 CREDITS FOR ADJUNCTS AND NON-CLASSROOM CREDITS

Courses by another school of the University will ONLY count towards non-classroom credits – NOT ADJUNCT Credits

POOL OF 31 CREDITS FOR ADJUNCTS AND NON-CLASSROOM CREDITS

- Example for a 3L
 - Dual Degree student – *so 12 non-law credits*
 - 3L Journal Member - position requiring 100 or more hours of academic work during the 3L year – *so 2 non-classroom credits*
 - 3 Credits of Directed Research taken – *so 3 non-classroom credits*
 - Teaching assistant - *so 2 non-classroom credits*

POOL OF 31 CREDITS FOR ADJUNCTS AND NON-CLASSROOM CREDITS

- Example for a 3L cont.
 - TOTAL: 19 non-law credits
 - Then 12 credits left from pool of 31 for Adjunct credits.

GROUND RULES

- ▶ Registration opens in **mid-June**.
(We will send you more details after exams.)
- ▶ Provide Emergency Contact information and a Cell Phone number in [Albert \(the University system\)](#) to gain access to ABRA.

WHAT CLASSES SHOULD YOU TAKE?

View the [Areas of Study Web-Page](#) and explore areas of the law that interest you.



The screenshot shows the NYU Law website's 'Areas of Study' page. The header features the NYU Law logo and a navigation bar with links to 'QUICKLINKS', 'JD Admissions', 'LLM/JSD Admissions', 'Executive Education', 'About NYU Law', 'Faculty & Scholarship', 'Academics & Courses', 'Current Students', 'Alumni & Giving', 'Global Opportunities', 'Law & Business', 'Public Service', and 'Centers & Institutes'. Below the header, a breadcrumb trail shows 'Home > Areas of Study'. The main content area is titled 'Areas of Study' and features a photograph of a man and a woman in a library setting. To the left of the photo is a sidebar titled 'AREAS OF STUDY' with a list of 15 academic specialties: Cities & Land Use, Constitutional, Civil Rights, & Democracy, Corporate & Commercial, Criminal Justice, Environmental, Family, Gender, & Sexuality, Global & International, Human Rights, Immigration, Intellectual Property & Innovation, Labor & Employment, Legal Theory, History, & the Social Sciences, Litigation & Procedure, and Regulation & Public Policy.

WWW.LAW.NYU.EDU/AREASOFSTUDY

AREAS OF STUDY

This page will provide you with the following area of study information :

- ▶ Faculty teaching in the area
- ▶ Research and Scholarship
- ▶ Student Opportunities
- ▶ Centers and Intellectual Life
- ▶ Courses

NEED MORE INFORMATION TO SELECT YOUR CLASSES?

- ▶ *Try the Academic Services website to help you find information!*

You will find:

- ▶ *Course Evaluations*
- ▶ *Historical Bidding Clearing Prices*
- ▶ *Academic Requirements*

SITE MAP ADDRESS

www.law.nyu.edu/academicservices/index.htm

Home > Academic Services

Academic Services



Timely Items:

- Academic Calendar
- Academic Policies Guide
- Academic Regulations and Requirements Guide (JD) (2016-17)
- Credit/Fail Option for JD Students
- Degree Requirements
- Final Exam Guide
- JD Degree Audit Instructions

Academic Sitemap

The links below are a map to the many academic resources that are on this website. If you feel that a link is missing, please [send us an email](#).

	Courses	Exams	Guides Library
RELATED LINKS	NYUClasses Course Advising Course Descriptions Course Schedule Fall 2016	Early Exam Guide Exam Archives (Law Library) Exam Policies (SA) Exam Software (Exam4)	Academic Policies Guide First-Year Electives Guide JD Academic Regulations Guide JD/MBA Student Handbook

LAST WORDS

- ▶ Note: Beginning with the Class of 2019 JD students will be required to complete six credits in experiential learning courses.
 - ▶ Three of those credits will be satisfied in first-year Lawyering.
 - ▶ The other three credits can come from clinics, simulation classes or externships.

LAST WORDS

- ▶ Over the years, a little more than 25% of classes close.
- ▶ That is good news. When a class does not close the final bid price is ZERO – your bid points are returned.

LAST WORDS

- ▶ You will be dropped from a class if you do not register for the related pre/co- requisite by late July. Please pay attention to stated deadlines to register for pre/co- requisite courses;
- ▶ **CHECK THE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY.**
- ▶ Please try to enter your bid requests well before a deadline (usually 9:30 a.m.).

LAST WORDS

- ▶ After exams we will post some FAQ's to help you answer some common questions. (We know that you are focused on exams now.)
- ▶ Feel free to make an appointment now for one-one academic advising sessions or use our degree audit program in Albert.
- ▶ You can also email, call, visit Academic Services over the summer if you have additional registration questions.

LAST WORDS

The Office of Academic Services and the Office of Career Services will also host a few joint advising drop-in/ call-in/ skype-in sessions during the summer.

Please look out for more information on this after exams.

ACADEMIC SERVICES CONTACT INFO

Furman Hall, Room 400
245 Sullivan Street
New York, NY 10012

Telephone: (212) 998-6020
Facsimile: (212) 995-4535

law.acadservices@nyu.edu

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.