UMass Law Curriculum – Part-Time Day and Evening Program and Sequencing

(effective as of fall 2025 for students matriculating before 2023[1])

First Year			
Fall Semester		**Spring Semester**	
Law 510 Legal Skills I	3	Law 511 Legal Skills II	3
Law 530 Property I	3	Law 531 Property II	3
Law 515 Torts I	3	Law 516 Torts II	3
Law 500 Academic Skills Lab			
Total Credits	9	**Total Credits**	9
Second Year			
Fall Semester		**Spring Semester**	
Law 545 Civil Procedure I	3	Law 546 Civil Procedure II	3
Law 540 Contracts I	3	Law 541 Contracts II	3
Law 520 Criminal Law	3	Law 521 Criminal Procedure[2]	3
Total Credits	9	**Total Credits**	9
Third Year			
Fall Semester		**Spring Semester**	
Law 555 Constitutional Law I	3	Law 556 Constitutional Law II	3
Law 512 Legal Skills III	3	Law 525 Prof. Resp. or Elective	3
Law 525 Professional Responsibility	3	Remaining requirements and electives	2-4
Total Credits	9	**Total Credits**	8-10
Fourth Year			
Fall Semester		**Spring Semester**	
Remaining requirements and electives	8-10	Remaining requirements and electives	8-10
Total Credits	8-10	**Total Credits**	8-10
Third Year			
Fall Semester		**Spring Semester**	
Remaining requirements and electives	8-10	Law 694 Bar Preparation	3
		Remaining requirements and electives	5-7
Total Credits	8-10	**Total Credits**	8-10

Graduation Requirements (as modified by the faculty effective in fall 2025):

You must earn passing grades in 90 credits, earn grades of D+ or higher in all required courses (see the listing of required courses below), and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.3 or higher.

You must take Law 694 Bar Preparation in your final semester.

You must complete the 30-hour Pro Bono Requirement (see Pro Bono Requirement).

When choosing electives, remember that you must complete the following (see details on the next page):

- Foundation Distribution -- 6 credits
- Practice Distribution -- 6 credits (at least three must be a Clinic or Field Placement course)
- Upper Level Writing Requirement -- 2 credits

[1] Adjusted to reflect graduation requirement reductions to take effect in fall 2025.

[2] Law 521 Criminal Procedure was required at the time of matriculation but now counts toward the Foundation distribution.

UMass Law Juris Doctor Degree Checklist

Curriculum Requirements

1. Core Required Courses: Required Credits: (varies) Earned Credits: ____

___Law 500 Acad. Skills Lab (0cr)	___Law 510 Legal Skills I (3cr)	___Law 555 Con Law I (3cr)
___Law 515 & 516 Torts I & II (6cr) OR ___Law 503 Torts (4cr)	___Law 511 Legal Skills II (3cr)	___Law 556 Con Law II (3cr)
___Law 530 & 531 Property I & II (6cr) OR ___Law 504 Property (4cr)	___Law 512 Legal Skills III (3cr)	___Law 576 Evidence (3cr)
___Law 545 & 546 Civ Pro I & II (6cr) OR ___Law 505 Civ Pro (4cr)	___Law 520 Criminal Law (3cr)	___Law 694 Bar Prep. (3cr)
___Law 540 & 541 Contracts I & II OR ___Law 506 Contracts (4cr)	___Law 525 Prof. Resp. (3cr)	

2. Distribution Requirements: Required Credits: 14 Earned Credits: ____

Foundation Distribution – Minimum 6 Credits:		
___Law 521 Crim Pro. (3cr)	___Law 580 Trusts & Estates (4cr)	___Law 613 Fed. Income Tax (4cr)
___Law 560 Admin. Law (3cr)	___Law 585 Business Orgs. (3cr)	___Law 615 Secured Trans. (3cr)
___Law 565 Payment Sys. (3cr)	___Law 611 Consumer Bankr. (3cr)	___Law 658 Family Law (3cr)
___Law 566 Sales Law (3cr)		
Practice Distribution – Minimum 6 Credits (including at least 3 in a Clinic or Field Placement):		
Clinical		
___*Law 601 Mashpee Clinic (3cr)	___Law 692 Adv. Comm. Dev. Clinic (3cr)	___*Law 730 Housing & Evic. Def. Cl. (3cr)
___Law 606 Immigration Law Clinic (6cr)	___*Law 703 Crim. Prosecution Clinic (3cr)	___*Law 731 State AG Clinic (5cr)
___Law 640 Community Dev. Clinic (3cr)	___Law 708 Hum. Rts. at Home Cl. (3-6cr)	
___Law 667 Adv. Immig. Law Clinic (6cr)	___Law 709 Adv. HRAH Clinic (3-6cr)	
Field Placement		
___*Law 639 Field Placement (3-4cr)	___*Law 693 Adv. Field Placement (3-4cr)	___*Law 723 Legislative Practicum (3cr)
Simulation		
___Law 620 Trial Practice (3cr)	___Law 681 Real Estate Transactions (3cr)	___Law 732 Adv. Evidence and Advoc. (3cr)
___Law 621 Alt. Disp. Res. Pract. (3cr)	___Law 701 Mass. Probate Practice (3cr)	___Law 734 Zealous Advoc. - Crim. Cts. (3cr)
___Law 629 Appellate Advocacy (3cr)	___Law 702 Criminal Motion Practice (3cr)	___Law 738 Mental Health Litigation (3cr)
___Law 634 Mass. Workers' Comp. (3cr)	___Law 705 Family Law Practice (3cr)	
___Law 672 Resid. Landlord-Ten. Pract. (3cr)	___**Law 710 Transac. Draft. (online/hybrid) (3cr)	
Upper-Level Writing Requirement – Minimum 2 Credits:		
___Law 695 Independent Legal Research* (20 pages for 2 credits; 30 pages for 3 credits)		
___Any course listed on the class schedule as eligible to satisfy the ULWR (2-3cr)		

***As a condition for graduation, a student may not earn more than 25 credits of instruction in these courses for the J.D. completion. (Course work completed in another department or university as part of a joint degree program counts in the 25 credits of instruction.)**

****Students may not earn more than 10 credits in distance (online) education courses during their first 30 credits of J.D. study. Students may earn not more than 30 credits in distance (online) education courses during their entire J.D. program.**

3. Electives: Earned Credits: ____

Course #	Course Name	Credits

TOTAL CREDITS EARNED: _____
(90 credits required)

4. Pro Bono Requirement See **Pro Bono Program** web page	**5. Graduation Requirements** See **Student Handbook** Section 24

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