

UMass Law Curriculum
(Current Curriculum)

FULL TIME PROGRAM SEQUENCING				PART TIME DAY & EVENING PROGRAM SEQUENCING													
First Year				First Year													
Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Fall Semester		Spring Semester											
Law 545 Civil Procedure I	3	Law 546 Civil Procedure II	3	Law 510 Legal Skills I	3	Law 511 Legal Skills II	3										
Law 540 Contracts I	3	Law 541 Contracts II	3	Law 530 Property I	3	Law 531 Property II	3										
Law 510 Legal Skills I	3	Law 511 Legal Skills II	3	Law 515 Torts I	3	Law 516 Torts II	3										
Law 530 Property I	3	Law 531 Property II	3	Law 500 Acad. Skills Lab													
Law 515 Torts I	3	Law 516 Torts II	3	Total Credits	9	Total Credits	9										
Law 500 Acad. Skills Lab				Second Year													
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15	Fall Semester		Spring Semester											
Second Year				Law 545 Civil Procedure I	3	Law 546 Civil Procedure II	3										
Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Law 540 Contracts I	3	Law 541 Contracts II	3										
Law 555 Constitutional Law I	3	Law 556 Constitutional Law II	3	Law 520 Criminal Law	3	Law 521 Criminal Procedure	3										
Law 520 Criminal Law	3	Law 521 Criminal Procedure	3	Total Credits	9	Total Credits	9										
Law 512 Legal Skills III	3	Law 576 Evidence ¹ or Elective ²	3	Third Year													
Law 525 Professional Responsibility ¹ or Elective ²	3	Electives ²	4-7	Fall Semester		Spring Semester											
Law 576 Evidence ¹ or Elective ²	3			Law 555 Constitutional Law I	3	Law 556 Constitutional Law II	3										
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	13-16	Law 512 Legal Skills III	3	Law 525 Professional Responsibility ¹ or Elective ²	3										
Third Year				Law 576 Evidence ¹ or Elective ²	2-4	Electives ²	2-4										
Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Total Credits	8-10	Total Credits	8-10										
Electives ²	13-16	Law 694 Bar Prep ³	3	Fourth Year													
		Electives ²	10-13	Fall Semester		Spring Semester											
Total Credits	13-16	Total Credits	13-16	Electives ²	8-10	Electives ²	8-10										
<p>Notes: 90 credits required, minimum Cum GPA of 2.3 and a passing grade in all required courses.</p> <p>1. Professional Responsibility and Evidence are required courses which students may take any time after the first year.</p> <p>2. In choosing Electives, students should remember that they must satisfy the Distribution Requirements:</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td></td> <td align="right">Minimum Credits</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Code Requirement</td> <td align="right">3 credits</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Foundation Requirement</td> <td align="right">6 credits</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Practice Requirement</td> <td align="right">6 credits</td> </tr> </table> <p>(Three of the six practice credits must be satisfied through a clinical or field placement course.)</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Upper Level Writing Requirement</td> <td align="right">2 credits</td> </tr> </table> <p>3. Bar Prep must be taken in the student's final semester unless the Assoc. Dean grants a waiver for cause shown.</p> <p>4. Pro Bono requirement 30 Hours</p>					Minimum Credits	Code Requirement	3 credits	Foundation Requirement	6 credits	Practice Requirement	6 credits	Upper Level Writing Requirement	2 credits	Total Credits	8-10	Total Credits	8-10
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				Code Requirement	3 credits												
				Foundation Requirement	6 credits												
				Practice Requirement	6 credits												
Upper Level Writing Requirement	2 credits																
<p style="text-align:center">Fifth Year</p>				Fall Semester		Spring Semester											
				Electives ²	8-10	Law 694 Bar Prep ³	3										
						Electives ²	5-7										
				Total Credits	8-10	Total Credits	8-10										

UMass Law Juris Doctor Degree Checklist

Curriculum Requirement

1. Core Required Courses: **Section 1 Req. Credits: 54** **Earned Credits:**

___ Law 500 Acad. Skills Lab	___ Law 545 & 546 Civil Procedure I & II	___ Law 520 Criminal Law
___ Law 540 & 541 Contracts I & II	___ Law 510, 511 & 512 Legal Skills I II & III	___ Law 515 & 516 Torts I & II
___ Law 530 & 531 Property I & II	___ Law 555 & 556 Con. Law I & II	___ Law 525 Professional Resp.
___ Law 521 Criminal Proc.	___ Law 576 Evidence	___ Law 694 Bar Prep.

2. Distribution Requirements: **Section 2 Req. Credits: 17** **Earned Credits:**

Code Distribution Minimum 3 credits:	
___ Law 565 Payment Systems	___ Law 566 Sales Law ___ Law 613 Federal Income Tax ___ Law 615 Secured Transactions
Foundation Distribution Minimum 6 credits:	
___ Law 560 Administrative Law	___ Law 580 Trusts & Estates
___ Law 658 Family Law	___ Law 585 Business Organizations
<i>OR any Elective designated a Code course but not used to satisfy a Code Distribution requirement.</i> ___	
Practice Distribution Minimum 6 credits:	
(Three of the six practice credits must be satisfied through a clinical or field placement course.)	
CLINICAL:	
___ *Law 601 Mashpee Wampanoag Legal Services Clinic	___ Law 606 Immigration Law Clinic
___ Law 640 Community Development Clinic	___ Law 667 Advanced Immigration Clinic
___ Law 692 Advanced Community Development Clinic	___ *Law 703 Criminal Prosecution Clinic
___ Law 708 Human Rights at Home Clinic	___ Law 709 Advanced Human Rights at Home Clinic
FIELD PLACEMENT:	
___ *Law 639 Field Placement	___ *Law 693 Advanced Field Placement
SIMULATION	
___ Law 620 Trial Practice	___ Law 621 Alternative Dispute Resolution Practice
___ Law 629 Appellate Advocacy	___ Law 634 Mass Workers Compensation
___ Law 681 Real Estate Transactions	___ Law 702 Criminal Motion Practice
___ Law 705 Family Law Practice	___ *Law 710 Transactional Drafting (online)
Upper Level Writing Minimum 2 credits:	
___ *Law 695 Independent Legal Research as approved or various courses determined each semester to meet that requirement. (ILRPs 20 pages for 2 credits and 30 pages for 3 credits)	
*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. Upper Level Electives **Earned Credits:**

Course #	Course Name	Credits
Law		
Law		
Law		
Law		
Law		
Law		

Total Credits Required: 90

4. Pro Bono 30 hours:

Please refer to the [Pro Bono Program](#) website

5. Graduation Requirements:

Please refer to the [Student Handbook](#)