

**UMass Law Curriculum – Part-Time-Day Program and Sequencing**  
(for entering classes of 2023 and beyond)

<b>First Year</b>			
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
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	0		
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Second Year</b>			
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
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	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Third Year</b>			
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
Law 555 Constitutional Law I	3	Law 556 Constitutional Law II	3
Law 512 Legal Skills III	3	Law 525 Prof. Resp., Law 576 Evidence, or Law 585 Business Organizations	3
Law 525 Prof. Resp., Law 576 Evidence, or Law 585 Business Organizations	3	Law 525 Prof. Resp., Law 576 Evidence, or Law 585 Business Organizations	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>			
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
Electives	8-10	Electives	8-10
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>8-10</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>8-10</b>
<b>Fifth Year</b>			
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
Electives	8-10	Law 694 Bar Preparation	
		Electives	5-7
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>8-10</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>8-10</b>

**Graduation Requirements:**

You must earn passing grades in 90 credits and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.3 or higher.

Bar Preparation must be taken in your final semester.

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

You must complete all MPRE Graduation Requirements (see [MPRE Grad Requirement](#)).

When choosing electives, remember that you must satisfy the Distribution Requirements:

- Code course -- 3 credits
- Foundation course -- 3 credits
- Practice courses -- 6 credits (at least three must be satisfied with a Clinic or Field Placement course)
- Upper Level Writing Requirement -- 2 credits

# UMass Law Juris Doctor Degree Checklist

## Curriculum Requirements

### 1. Core Required Courses:      Req. Credits: 57      Earned Credits:

___ Law 500 Academic 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 Constitutional Law I & II	___ Law 525 Professional Responsibility
___ Law 521 Criminal Procedure	___ Law 576 Evidence	___ Law 585 Business Organizations
___ Law 694 Bar Preparation		

### 2. Distribution Requirements:      Req. Credits: 14      Earned Credits:

**Code Distribution Minimum 3 credits:**

\_\_\_ Law 565 Payment Systems      \_\_\_ Law 566 Sales Law      \_\_\_ Law 611 Consumer Bankruptcy  
 \_\_\_ Law 613 Federal Income Tax      \_\_\_ Law 615 Secured Transactions

**Foundation Distribution Minimum 3 credits:**

\_\_\_ Law 560 Administrative Law      \_\_\_ Law 580 Trusts & Estates      \_\_\_ Law 658 Family Law  
*OR any Elective designated a Code course but not used to satisfy a Code Distribution requirement. \_\_\_*

**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 Law 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      \_\_\_ \*Law 723 Legislative Practicum

**SIMULATION**

\_\_\_ Law 620 Trial Practice      \_\_\_ Law 621 Alternative Dispute Resolution Practice  
 \_\_\_ Law 629 Appellate Advocacy      \_\_\_ Law 634 Massachusetts Workers' Compensation  
 \_\_\_ Law 636 Massachusetts Civil Practice      \_\_\_ Law 672 Residential Landlord-Tenant Practice  
 \_\_\_ Law 681 Real Estate Transactions      \_\_\_ Law 701 Massachusetts Probate Practice  
 \_\_\_ Law 702 Criminal Motion Practice      \_\_\_ Law 705 Family Law Practice  
 \_\_\_ \*Law 710 Transactional Drafting (sometimes offered 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		
Law		

**Total Credits Required: 90**

4. MPRE Requirement   
 See [MPRE Grad Requirement](#) web page

5. Pro Bono Requirement   
 See [Pro Bono Program](#) web page

6. Graduation Requirements   
 See [Student Handbook](#) Section 24