

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

<b>First 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 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			
<b>Total Credits</b>	15	<b>Total Credits</b>	15
<b>Second Year</b>			
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
Law 555 Constitutional Law I	3	Law 556 Constitutional Law II	3
Law 520 Criminal Law	3	Law 521 Criminal Procedure	3
Law 512 Legal Skills III	3	Law 576 Evidence or Elective	3
Law 525 Professional Responsibility, Law 585 Business Organizations, or Elective	3	Law 525 Professional Responsibility, Law 585 Business Organizations, or Elective	3
Law 576 Evidence or Elective	3-4	Elective	3-4
<b>Total Credits</b>	15-16	<b>Total Credits</b>	15-16
<b>Third Year</b>			
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
Electives	13-16	Law 694 Bar Preparation	3
		Electives	10-13
<b>Total Credits</b>	13-16	<b>Total Credits</b>	13-16

**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
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*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
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**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